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TEST	DATE	SYLLABUS
1	18-6-2023 (Sunday) 2 to 5 PM	Paper-I: Western Philosophy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plato and Aristotle: Ideas; Substance; Form and Matter; Causation; Actuality and Potentiality. • Rationalism (Descartes, Spinoza, Leibniz); Cartesian Method and Certain Knowledge; Substance; God; Mind-Body Dualism; Determinism and Freedom. • Empiricism (Locke, Berkeley, Hume): Theory of Knowledge; Substance and Qualities; Self and God; Scepticism. • Kant: Possibility of Synthetic a priori Judgments; Space and Time; Categories; Ideas of Reason; Antinomies; Critique of Proofs for the Existence of God. • Hegel: Dialectical Method; Absolute Idealism. • Moore, Russell and Early Wittgenstein: Defence of Commonsense; Refutation of Idealism; Logical Atomism; Logical Constructions; Incomplete Symbols; Picture Theory of Meaning; Saying and Showing. • Logical Positivism: Verification Theory of Meaning; Rejection of Metaphysics; Linguistic Theory of Necessary Propositions. • Later Wittgenstein: Meaning and Use; Language-games; Critique of Private Language. • Phenomenology (Husserl): Method; Theory of Essences; Avoidance of Psychologism. • Existentialism (Kierkegaard, Sartre, Heidegger): Existence and Essence; Choice, Responsibility and Authentic Existence; Being-in-the-world and Temporality. • Quine and Strawson: Critique of Empiricism; Theory of Basic Particulars and Persons.
2	02-7-2023 (Sunday) 2 to 5 PM	Paper-I: Indian Philosophy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carvaka: Theory of Knowledge; Rejection of Transcendent Entities. • Jainism: Theory of Reality; Saptabhanginaya; Bondage and Liberation. • Schools of Buddhism: Prat Ityasamutpada; Ksanikavada, Nairatmyavada. • Nyaya – Vaiesesika : Theory of Categories; Theory of Appearance; Theory of Pramana; Self, Liberation; God; Proofs for the Existence of God; Theory of Causation; Atomistic Theory of Creation. • Samkhya; Prakrit; Purusa; Causation; Liberation. • Yoga; Citta; Cittavrtti; Klesas; Samadhi; Kaivalya. • Mimamsa: Theory of Knowledge. • Schools of Vedanta: Brahman; Isvara; Atman; Jiva; Jagat; Maya; Avida; Adhyasa; Moksa; Aprthaksiddhi; Pancavidhabhedha. • Aurobindo: Evolution, Involution; Integral Yoga.
3	16-7-2023 (Sunday) 2 to 5 PM	Paper II: Socio-Political Philosophy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social and Political ideals: Equality, Justice, Liberty. • Sovereignty: Austin, Bodin, Laski, Kautilya. • Individual and State: Rights; Duties and Accountability. • Forms of Government: Monarchy; Theocracy and Democracy. • Political Ideologies: Anarchism, Marxism and Socialism. • Humanism; Secularism; Multi-culturalism. • Crime and Punishment: Corruption, Mass Violence, Genocide, Capital Punishment. • Development and Social Progress. • Gender Discrimination: Female Foeticide, Land and Property Rights; Empowerment. • Caste Discrimination: Gandhi and Ambedkar.

4	30-7-2023 (Sunday) 2 to 5 PM	Paper II: Philosophy of Religion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notions of God: Attributes; Relation to Man and the World. (Indian and Western). • Proofs for the Existence of God and their Critique (Indian and Western). • Problem of Evil. • Soul: Immortality; Rebirth and Liberation. • Reason, Revelation, and Faith. • Religious Experience: Nature and Object (Indian and Western). • Religion without God. • Religion and Morality. • Religious Pluralism and the Problem of Absolute Truth. • Nature of Religious Language: Analogical and Symbolic; Cognitivist and Non-cognitive.
5	13-8-2023 (Sunday) 2 to 5 PM	Paper 1 (Full Syllabus Test)
6	20-8-2023 (Sunday) 2 to 5 PM	Paper 2 (Full Syllabus Test)
7	27-8-2023 (Sunday)	Paper 1 (Full Syllabus Test)
8	9 AM to 12 PM 2 to 5 PM	Paper 2 (Full Syllabus Test)