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Philosophy Syllabus for Uttarakhand State Civil
Services Preliminary Exam-2011

PHILOSOPHY

Section-A : Problems of Philosophy:

1. **Substance:** Descartes, Spinoza Leibnitz, Locke, Criticisms by Berkeley and Hume; Nyaya Vaishesika, Jainism, criticism by Buddhism.
2. **God, Soul and the World:** Aristotle, St. Aquinas, St. Augustine, Descartes, Spinoza, Nyaya-Vaishesika, Sankara and Ramanuja.
3. **Universals:** Realism and Nominalism (Plato, Aristotle, Berkeley, Nyaya-Vaishesika, Buddhism).
4. **Prama, Prameya Pramanas and Pramanyavada:** Carvaka, Nyaya-Vaishesika, Buddhism and Purva Mimamsa.
5. **Truth and Error:** Correspondence theory, Coherence theory, Pragmatic theory; Khyativada; Anyathakhyati, Akhyati, Satkhyati and anirvacaniyakhyati.
6. **Matter and Mind:** Descartes, Spinoza, Leibnitz, Berkeley;

Section-B: Ethics:

1. Fact and Value
2. Right and Good: Teleology and Deontology
3. Psychological Hedonism
4. Utilitarianism: Bentham, Mill, Sidgwick.
5. Kant's Ethics.
6. Problem of Freedom of Will
7. Meaning of Moral Judgements: Descriptivism, Emotivism, Prescriptivism.
8. Ethics of the Gita; Niskamakarma, svadharma, Sthitaprajna.
9. Jaina Ethics.
10. Buddhist Ethics; Eight fold path, ideals of Arhat and Bodhisattva.
11. Sainkhya and Yoga; Eight fold path of Yoga.
12. Gandhian Ethics: Truth, Non-violence, End an Means.
13. Moral concept: Subha-Asubha, Ista-Anista, Uchita-Anuchita.
14. Theories of Punishment.

Section-C: Logic:

1. Truth and Validity
2. Classification of Propositions: Traditional and Modern.
3. Syllogism: Figures and Moods, Rules of Syllogism (General and Special).
4. Fallacies: Formal and Informal.
5. Propositional Calculus: Symbolisation, Truth-Functions and their interdefinability, Truth-Tables, Formal Proof.
6. Implications, entailment and conditions of inference.