

Appendix 'B'

(Syllabi and Courses of Reading)

The book for B.A. Optional paper has been replaced with book "*Philosophy: The Basics*" by Nigel Warburton, 4th edition

Course content:

1. Introduction
2. God
3. Right and Wrong
4. Politics
5. The External World
6. Science

1. Introduction

What is philosophy
History of Philosophy
Why study Philosophy?
Limits of Philosophy

2. God:

Argument for the existence of God
The design Argument
The first cause Argument
The ontological Argument
Knowledge, proof and the existence of God
The Problem of Evil
The Free will Defence
The Argument from Miracles
Non-realism about God
Faith
Death
Would immortality be tedious?
Criticism of the tedium of immortality

3. Right & Wrong

Duty-based theories
Religious ethics
Kantian ethics
Consequentialism
Utilitarianism
Negative Utilitarianism
Virtue theory
Applied ethics
Ethics and meta-ethics
Naturalism
Moral relativism
Emotivism

4. Politics

- Equality
- Reverse discrimination
- Political equality: democracy
- Direct democracy
- Representative democracy
- Freedom
- Removing freedom: punishment
- Punishment as retribution
- Deterrence
- Protection of society
- Reform
- Civil

5. The external world

- Common-sense realism
- Scepticism about the evidence of the senses
- The Illusion Argument
- Could I be dreaming?
- Hallucination
- Memory and logic
- I think therefore I am
- Representative realism
- Idealism
- Phenomenalism
- Causal realism

6. Science

- The simple view of scientific method
- The problem of Induction
- Falsificationism: conjecture and refutation
- Scientism