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CSS Syllabus

Subject: Philosophy

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Paper: Philosophy (100 Marks)

I. *Introduction:*

Definition, Nature and Scope of Philosophy

II. *Philosophical Methods:*

Socratic Method (Socrates); Inductive Method (Bacon, Mill); Deductive Method (Aristotle, Descartes); Dialectical Method (Hegel); Fallibilistic Method (Popper)

III. **Epistemology:** Rationalism (Plato, Descartes, Spinoza); Empiricism (Locke, Berkeley, Hume); Transcendentalism (Kant); Intuitionism (Bergson)

IV. **Ontology:** Idealism (Plato, Berkeley); Representative Realism (Locke); Historical and Dialectical Materialism (Marx)

V. **Ethics:** What is morality? The challenge of cultural relativism; Does morality depend on religion? Psychological and ethical egoism: Virtue Ethics (Aristotle); Moral Absolutism (Kant), Utilitarianism (J.S. Mill); Social Contract Theory (Hobbes, Rawls).

VI. **Muslim Thinkers:** Al-Farabi, Ibn Sina, Al-Ghazali, Ibn Rushid, Ibn Khaldun, Shah Waliullah, Muhammad Iqbal.

VII. *Contemporary Philosophical Movements:*

Existentialism (Heidegger, Sartre); Pragmatism (Peirce, James, Dewey); Neo-pragmatism (Rorty); Postmodernism (Lyotard, Foucault, Derrida)

RECOMMENDED READINGS

S.No.	Title	Author
1.	A History of Western Philosophy	Bertrand Russell
2.	Philosophy: The Power of Ideas	Brooke Noel Moore & Kenneth Bruder
3.	Elements of Moral Philosophy	James Rachels
4.	Existentialism & Human Emotions	Jean Paul Sartre
5.	The Postmodern Condition: A Report on Knowledge	Jean-Francois Lyotard
6.	Descartes to Derrida: An Introduction to European Philosophy	Peter Sedgwick
7.	Continental Philosophy in the 20 th Century	Richard Kearney
8.	A Short History of Modern Philosophy	Roger Scruton
9.	A History of Muslim Philosophy. Volume I & II	M. M. Sharif
10.	A History of Islamic Philosophy	Majid Fakhry
11.	The Reconstruction of Religious Thought in Islam	Muhammad Iqbal
12.	Iqbal	Mustansir Mir

13.	Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy(plato.stanford.edu).	Internet Resources
14.	Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy(www.iep.utm.edu).	Internet Resources

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