Syllabus and Course Outcomes (Cos)

PAPER 1

CIKS1T INTRODUCTION TO INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEM

MAX. MARKS:100
EXTERNAL:70
INTERNAL:30
PASS:40%

Course Objective: The course aims to introduce learners to the conceptual, historical, and epistemological foundations of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS). It seeks to develop an informed understanding of classical Indian intellectual traditions, their textual sources, philosophical schools and indigenous methods of knowledge production and validation**.**

Course Outcomes

After completing this course, the learners will be able to:

1. Explain the theoretical foundations, historical development and disciplinary scope of Indian Knowledge Systems.
2. Identify and critically use major textual sources of IKS, including primary texts, translated works and secondary scholarly resources.
3. Demonstrate conceptual understanding of key IKS vocabulary and philosophical schools, and relate their core ideas to broader debates on knowledge, reality and self.
4. Apply indigenous methodological frameworks such as *pramāṇas* and *vāda* traditions to analyse arguments and evaluate knowledge claims within the Indian intellectual tradition.

Section A

Unit 1: Introduction to IKS :Theory and Conception, Historical Development, Disciplines included in the IKS.

Unit 2: Sources of IKS Knowledge: Classification of IKS Texts, A survey of available primary texts Translated Primary Texts and secondary resource materials.

Unit 3: Vocabulary of IKS: Introduction to Pancha Maha Bhutas, Concept of a Sutra, Introduction to the concept of non-translatable.

Section B

Unit 4: Schools of Indian Philosophy-I: Samkhya, Yoga, Vaisheshika

Unit 5: Schools of Indian Philosophy-II: Nyaya, Mimamsa, Vedanta

Unit 6: Methods of IKS: Introduction to the concept of building and testing hypotheses, Introduction to the pramanas and their validity, Standards of argumentation in the vada tradition

Suggested Readings:

1. Indian Knowledge Systems- Editors Kapil Kapoor, Avadhesh Kumar Singh
2. *Introduction to Indian Knowledge System: Concepts and Applications* by Mahadevan, B., Bhat Vinayak Rajat, and Nagendra Pavana R.N. PHI Learning Private Ltd. Delh
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5. G.V. Devasthhali, Mimamsa: The Ancient Indian Science of Sentence Interpretation, Sri Satguru Publication
6. M P LELE, Humanism and Ancient Indian Dharma, Surbhi Publication
7. Guru Nanak & Origin of the Sikh Faith : Harbans Singh, Publication Bureau, Punjabi University, Patiala.
8. The Book of the Ten Masters : Puran Singh. Publication Bureau, Punjabi University, Patiala.
9. The Spirit of Oriental Poetry : Puran Singh Publication Bureau, Punjabi University, Patiala.
10. Nair, Shantha N, Echoes of Ancient Indian Wisdom, the universal hindu vision and its edifice, Puatak Mahal,New Delhi, 2008.
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12. Mehta, J M, Vedic Wisdom, V&S Publishers,2013