



**SECOND SEMESTER 2020 - 2021**  
**Course Handout (PART II)**

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In addition to part I (General Handout for all courses appended to the time table) this portion gives further specific details regarding the course.

Course No.: **GS F312**  
Course Title: **Applied Philosophy**  
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**1. Scope and Objective**

The students will learn and reflect through philosophical perspectives of thinkers on human nature and society relating in particular to various real life issues such as social justice, equality, technology and the internet. They will be able to apply and appreciate the advantages of philosophical perspectives in their lives in the contemporary world.

**2. Text book:**

Jostein Gaarder, Sophie's World, London: Phoenix, 1996 (Paperback Edition)

**Reference books:**

- I. A.C. Grayling, Philosophy: A Guide through the Subject, Oxford University Press, 1995
- II. George Reynolds, Ethics in Information Technology, New Delhi, India: Cengage Learning India Private Limited, 2007
- III. Richard Norman, The Moral Philosophers: An Introduction to Ethics, Oxford University Press, 1998
- IV. Peter Singer, A Companion to Ethics, Oxford: Blackwell Publishers, 1993
- V. Charles E Harris, Michael S. Pritchard & Michael J. Rabins, Engineering Ethics, New Delhi, India: Cengage Learning India Private Limited, 2009
- VI. Duncan Langford, Internet Ethics, London: Macmillan Press Ltd., 2000

**3. Course Plan:**

Module Number	Lecture session	Reference	Learning Outcome
1-3 Philosophical Aspects	Philosophical Perspectives – The Ancient, The Modern and The Contemporary	TB	Learning about the content of different points of view in the discipline





4-5 Value-oriented Human Conduct	Ethical Perspective	TB	Understanding theoretical meanings of moral values, virtues, principles, and rules
6-7 Human Reasoning	Logical Perspective	TB	Knowing the nature and correctness of reasoning in arguments
8-9 Bases and Nature of Knowledge	Epistemological Perspective	TB	Understanding the nature and diverse aspects of knowledge
10-11 Nature of Absolute Reality	Metaphysical Perspective	TB	Comprehending various approaches to the contours of reality
12-14 Fundamentals of Philosophical Thinking	God, Soul, Body and the World	TB	Knowing the nature of fundamental philosophical issues
15-19 Diversity of Moral Dilemmas	Moral Dilemmas	TB; Class Notes	Comprehending the socio-ethical nature of dilemmas in the world
	World Poverty	RB IV, Ch. 23	Understanding the causes of poverty
	Euthanasia	RB IV, Ch. 25	Understanding the arguments for and against mercy killing
	Abortion	RB IV, Ch. 26	Reflecting upon the right to abort unwanted pregnancies
20-21 Philosophical Thought in Concrete Situations	Case Studies		Analyzing philosophical implications of issues mentioned above in concrete situations





22-26 Exploration of Issues of Social Justice Regarding Freedom of Individual, Justification of Punishment, Conflict between Politics and Morality and Moral Justification of War	Social Justice and Equality	TB; Class Notes	Assessing the interlocked characterization of justice and equality
	Society and Freedom of Expression	TB; Class Notes	Understanding and evaluating the social constraints on freedom of expression
	Crime and Punishment	RB IV, Ch. 32	Assessing philosophical bases of theories of punishment
	Politics and the Problem of Dirty Hands	RB IV, Ch. 33	Learning about the challenges of politics to moral values
	War and Peace	RB IV, Ch. 34	Understanding the moral justification of war and peace
27-28 Philosophical Thought in Concrete Situations	Case Studies		Analyzing philosophical implications of issues mentioned above in concrete situations
29-31 Socio- Value Bases of Technology	Social and Value Dimensions of Technology	TB; RB V, Ch. 5	Appreciating the importance of social and value implications of technology
32-33 Philosophical Basis of Cyber Security	Society and Internet Crimes	RB II, Ch. 3	Understanding the need for security of information systems
34-36 Quality of Life in a Cybernetic Society	Impact of Information Technology on the Quality of Life	RB II, Ch. 9	Evaluating the impact of information technology on certain parameters of quality





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37-38 Freedom and Equality in Online Conduct	Democratic Values and the Internet	TB; Class Notes	Assessing the importance of democratic values such as freedom and equality in the use of internet
39-40 Philosophical Thought in Concrete Situations	Case Studies		Analyzing philosophical implications of issues mentioned above in concrete situations

#### 4. Evaluation Scheme:

Component	Duration	Weightage	Date & Time	Nature of Component (Close Book / Open Book)
Mid Semester Exam	90 Minutes	30		Open Book
Assignment	-	15	Feb. 15	Open Book
Case Study	-	15	April 15	Open Book
Comprehensive Examination	3 Hours	40	12/05 FN	Open Book

**5. Chamber Consultation Hour:** To be announced during class hour.

**6. Notices:** Notices, if any, concerning the course will be shared in the class and posted through institute email to all registered students.

#### 7. Make-up Policy:

Make-up component(s) will be allowed provided the concerned student submits the justified documented proof.

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