

PHD ADMISSION SYLLABUS FOR RET, 2020-2021
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY
UNIVERSITY OF GOUR BANGA

Part- I: Research Methodology (50 Marks)

- (i) Meaning and Concept of Research
- (ii) Objectives of Research / Purpose of Research
- (iii) Characteristics of Research
- (iv) Methods of Research
- (v) Types of Research
- (vi) Steps of Research
- (vii) Research Ethics
- (viii) What is Thesis/Dissertation? Thesis writing: Its Characteristics and Format
- (ix) Literature Review
- (x) Research Questions

Part – II: Philosophy (50 Marks)

1. Nature of Philosophy

2. Methods of Philosophy (Indian and Western)

Tarka, Saṁśaya, Jalpa, Vitaṇḍā, Uddeśa, Lakṣaṇa, Parīkṣā, Śravaṇa, Manana, Nididhyāsana, Saṁvāda, Paripraśna.

3. Epistemology (Indian)

- (a) Anubhava; Pramāna; Prāmāṇyavāda; Khyātivāda.
- (b) Definition of knowledge (Traditional & Modern); Theories of Truth, Skepticism.

4. Epistemology (Western)

- i) Nature and scope of knowledge
- ii) Gettier problem and responses to it
- iii) Scepticism and the possibility of knowledge
- iv) Justification of knowledge
- v) Theories of truth

5. Logic (Indian)

- i) Nyāya Logic
- ii) Buddhist Logic: Nyāyabindu

6. Logic (Western)

- i) Set theory
- ii) Propositional Logic
- iii) Predicate Logic
- iv) CNF, DNF

7. Ethics (Indian)

- (a) Concept of Dharma, Concept of Puruṣārthas, Ṛṇa, Ṛta, Brahmavihāra, Triratna, Law of Karma, Eight fold Paths.
- (b) Utilitarianism, Virtue Ethics, Ethics in Hume and Kant.

6. Metaphysics

- (a) Concept of Padārtha.

(b)Universal and Particular, Causality, Space Time, Being & Becoming, Mind body problems, Appearance and Reality, Person theory.

7. **Applied Ethics**

Euthanasia, Abortion, Capital Punishment, Terrorism, Professional Ethics, Anthropocentric and non-anthropocentric morality.

8. **Modern Indian Thinkers**

Rabindranath Tagore, K.C. Bhattacharya, Sri Aurobindo, Mahatma Gandhi, S. Radhakrishnan, Swami Vivekananda.