



Indraprastha College for Women

University of Delhi

Course Name:	BA(P)
Paper Title:	Ethics
Unique Paper Code:	2102202302
Semester:	III
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Work Plan			
Unit No.	Learning Objective	Lecture No.	Topics to be Covered
1	Introduction to Ethics: The student will be able to understand and analyze ethical theories. Also, appreciate the role of reasoning in ethics	1	The Scope of Ethics Definition of Ethics Nature of Ethics
		2	Is Ethics a science or a part of philosophy?
		3	The Province or Scope of Ethics The Method of Ethics
		4	The End of Ethics
		5	Revision
2	Theories of Ethics: The student will be able to evaluate different theories of Ethics.	6	Aristotle: The Nicomachean Ethics Difference between intellectual virtue and moral virtue
		7	Virtues and Vices, Golden mean theory
		8	State of soul & character disposition
		9	Teleological Ethics: Mill & Bentham Utilitarianism and its meaning
		10	Of the Ultimate Sanction of the Principle of Utility
		11	Of what sort of proof the principle of utility is susceptible
		12	Of the connection between Justice and Utility
		13	The Moral Law: Kant's Groundwork of the

			Metaphysics of Morals Introduction
		14	Categorical Imperatives explanation
		15	Heteronomy of the Will
		16	Revision & Discussion
3	Ethical Issues: The students will be able to apply ethical theories in practical situations.	17	Difference between Nozick and Rawls's theory of Punishment
		18	Theories of Punishment, Consequences for potential offenders- difference
		19	Effect on society at large- protection
		20	Is A Synthesis Possible?
		21	Freedom Vs Determination: The meaning of Determination
		22	Types and Theories of Determinism
		23	Fatalism and Hard and Soft Determinism
		24	Criticisms of Hard Determinism and Arguments for Freedom
		25	Existentialism and Human Consciousness
		26	Revision & Discussion
4	Indian Ethics: The students will be able to grasp the traditional Indian ethical theories. The students will be able to develop an ability for moral reasoning and act with ethical deliberations.	27	The Place of the Bhagavadgita
		28	The Concept of Dharma in the Bhagavadgita
		29	The Idea of Sthitaprajna
		30	The Path of Knowledge, The Path of Action
		31	The Path of Devotion
		32	Philosophy of Buddhism
		33	Four Noble truth
		34	Eightfold path
		35	The nature of Nirvana
		36	Buddhist Morality
		37	Pratimoksha
		38	Mahayana Morality
	Tutorials	1-14	Group discussions on every Chapter, Projects, Assignment/Activity

Syllabus		
Unit	Contents	Contact Hours
I	Introduction to Ethics: Domain of Ethics Conventional and Reflective Morality	5
II	Theories of Ethics 1. Virtue Ethics with special reference to Aristotle's Eudemonia 2. Teleological Ethics with special reference to Mill's Utilitarianism 3. Deontological Ethics with special reference to Kant's Categorical Imperatives	11
III	Ethical Issues 1. I) Nature of Free Will and Responsibility 2. II) Deterrent and Retributive Punishment	10
IV	Indian Ethics 1. Ethics of Gita 2. Buddhist Ethics	12
	Lectures	38
	Tutorial	14
	Total no. of Lectures	38
Text Books/Suggested Readings:		
S. No.	Name of Authors/Books/Publishers	Year of Publication/ Reprint
1.	Mackenzie, J.S., A Manual of Ethics, Oxford University Press Bombay, Chapter-1, "Scope of Ethics"	1977
2.	Sinha, Jadunath, A Manual of Ethics, New Central Book Agency, Chapter 1	2004
3.	Aristotle, Nicomachean Ethics, Harvard University Press	1926
4.	Mill, J.S: Utilitarianism, London, in Mary Warnock. Ed. 1962	1863
5.	Kant, Immanuel: Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals, Trans. H J Paton, as the Moral Law. London	

6.	Thiroux, J. Ethics: Theory and Practice, Chapter 6, Chapter 5 pp 131-142, 101-114	
7.	Sharma, I.C. Ethical Philosophies of Indi, George Allen& Unwin LTD. Chapter XII, and Chapter VII	1965
8.	Keown, D. Buddhist Ethics: A very short introduction, OUP, Chapter 1 (Buddhist Morality)	2005

Paper Components			
Credits	Lecture (L)	Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
4	3	1	
Assessment Scheme			
S.No.	Component	Marking Scheme	Total Marks
1	Internal Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assignment/Quiz/Project/Presentation • Class Test • Attendance 	12 12 6	30
2.	Continuous Assessment (Tutorial) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity 1 • Activity 2 • Attendance 	15 20 5	40
3.	Practical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous Assessment • End Term Written/Practical Exam • Viva 		
4.	End Semester Examination		90