

## PHILOSOPHY

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#### Philosophising

Doing philosophy

Characteristics of philosophic concepts

Skills to master philosophy

Norms of learning philosophy

Uses of learning philosophy

### Chapter 2

#### Philosophy of Prasthanatraya

Vedas

Upanishads

- Brahman
- Atman
- Brahman-Atman relation
- Mahavakyas

Bhagavat Gita

- Concept of Yoga and Nishkamakarma
- Stitaprajna

Brahma Sutra

### Chapter 3

#### Darsanas

Schools of Indian philosophy (Astika and Nastika Darsanas)

Orthodox schools

- Nyaya Darsana- theory of knowledge, 4 pramanas
- Vaisesika Darsana - The concept of Categories
- Samkhya Darsana - The EvolutionTheory.
- Yoga Darsana - Astanga yoga
- Purva Mimamsa – 6 pramanas
- Uttara Mimamsa:

Advaita - levels of existence, concept of Maya

Visistadvaita

Dvaita - Panchabhedas

Heterodox schools

- Buddhism- Aryasatyas, Astangamarga
- Jainism – Syadvada (7 forms of judgement), Jaina ethics

## **Chapter 4**

### **Contemporary Indian Thinkers**

Characteristics of Modern Indian philosophy

- Swami Vivekananda - Universal Religion
- Mahatma Gandhi – Sarvodaya, Basic tenants of education
- Sri Aurobindo - Integral Yoga
- Sir Mohammad Iqbal - Nature of the Self
- Thinkers in Kerala

## **Chapter 5**

### **Greek Philosophy**

Thales

Heraclitus

Socrates – Dialectical method

Plato – Theory of Ideas

Aristotle – Form and Matter

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### **Modern Western Philosophy**

Characteristics of Modern Western Philosophy

Rationalism

- Rene Descartes - Cogito ergo sum

Empiricism

- John Locke - Rejection of innate ideas, theory of knowledge.

Idealism - definition

Materialism - definition

## **Chapter 7**

### **Recent Trends in Philosophy**

Existentialism

- Characteristics of Existentialism
- Two camps of Existentialism.
- Important concepts discussed by Kierkegaard.

Pragmatism- definition

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### **Ethics**

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Plato's Cardinal Virtues

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**Applied Ethics**

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Professional Ethics – Definition

- Teacher and student Ethics

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Environmental Ethics

- Role of an environmental Philosopher

The problem of E- waste

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**Philosophy of Religion**

Religion: Meaning and Definition

Nature and scope of Philosophy of Religion

Theories of Religion

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