

SRI VENKATESWARA UNIVERSITY

II B.A PROGRAMME – PHILOSOPHY

SEMESTER III

PAPER – II WESTERN PHILOSOPHY

3rd CORE – SYLLABUS – 2015-16

CLASSICAL

Unit –I (a) The Problems of substance and change in pre Socratic Philosophy The age of Sophists - Socrates: his problem and method.

(b) *Plato*: Doctrine of Ideas - Concept of Immortality of Soul.

Unit-II (a) Aristotle: Criticism of Plato's doctrine of Ideas – His theory of Causation.

(b) Classical Logic, matter and forms

MODERN

Unit-III (a) Rationalism : Descartes problem of Philosophy and epistemology (cogito ergo sum)

(b) Body – Mind Problem and proof for the existence of God.

Unit-IV Spinoza: Concept of substance – Mind – Body relation.

Unit –V Leibnitz: Pre –established Harmony- Doctrines of Monod logy.

BOOKS FOR STUDY:

1. Western philosophy – Published by Telugu Academy
2. Viswa Darasanam by N.Rammohan Rao.
3. Stace W.T.- A critical survey of Greek Philosophy.
4. Betrand Russel: History of Western Philosophy.
5. Franck Thilly: History of western Philosophy.

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Unit –I (a) Empiricism: John Locke as an empiricist, Refutation of the doctrine of Innate Ideas, validity and limits of Knowledge.

Unit –II (a) Berkeley: Subjective Idealism, Berkeley's view on abstract ideas.

(b) David Hume: His conception of substance and theory of causation.

Unit-III (a) German Idealism and Kant's transcendental Idealism.

Unit- IV Logical Positivism: Rejection of Metaphysics – principle of verification .

Unit- V Existentialism: concepts of Man and Freedom.

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