

CBSE Class XI Syllabus

Philosophy Class 11 Syllabus

Exam Structure

Unit	Topic	Marks
1	Indian Theories of Knowledge (Epistemology)	20
2	Western Theories of Knowledge (Epistemology)	20
3	Principles of Reasoning (Logic)	60
	Total	100

Unit 1: Indian Theories of Knowledge (Epistemology)

- (i) Classification of Indian philosophical systems
- (ii) Six ways of knowing in Indian Philosophy
- (iii) Nyaya definition of perception and distinction between determinate and indeterminate perception
- (iv) Buddhist view on indeterminate perception
- (v) Nyaya view on inference (Nyaya): Vyapti, tarka, and kinds of Anumana
- (vi) Carvaka's critique of inference

Unit 2: Western Theories of Knowledge (Epistemology)

- (vii) Rationalism: Descartes on universal and certain knowledge, Method of doubt
- (viii) Empiricism: Locke on rejection of innate ideas, origin of ideas, kinds of knowledge
- (ix) Hume - Impressions and Ideas, Kinds of knowledge, skepticism (causation, self)
- (x) Kant: Synthetic a priori knowledge

Unit 3: Principles of Reasoning (Logic)

(A) Aristotelian Logic

- (xi) The nature and subject-matter of logic
- (xii) Terms, sentences, propositions, truth and validity
- (xiii) Relations between propositions - square of opposition
- (xiv) Changing sentences into their logical form
- (xv) Categorical syllogism

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(B) Symbolic Logic

- (xvi) Value of use of symbols, symbolization, variable and constant
- (xvii) Truth function and truth-functional connectives, Truth Table

(C) Inductive Reasoning

- (xviii) Mill's Methods of Experimental Inquiry