

Syllabus of MA Course in “Jainology & Comparative Religions”

YEAR – 1

Paper-1 Jain History, Culture, Literature & Art

- 1A Jain religion in the pre-historic period
- 1B Jain religion in the pre-historic period
- 1C Jain religion in the pre-historic period
- 2A Jain History – Parsvanath
- 2B Lord Mahavira
- 3A Jain history: the other Tirthik ideologies in the...
- 4 Ganadhar and Acharya tradition of Lord Mahavira
- 5 Jainism inland and overseas
- 6 Special features of Jain culture
- 7 The lifestyle of non-violence (in context of food)
- 8 Jain places of pilgrimage
- 9&10 Jain rituals (Karmakanda) and festivals (Parva)
- 11A Art of idol making (Moortikala)
- 11B Jain culture and art
- 12 Stupa (tope), Gufa (cave) and Mandir (Temple)
- 13 Section C: History of Jain literature
- 14 Literature pertaining to the explanation of scriptures
- 15 Philosophical literature
- 16 Purana and Charita
- 17 Jain poetic and narrative literature
- 18 Yoga literature

Paper-2 Jain Metaphysics and Ethics

- 1. Nature of Sat (Existence of reality)
- 2. Substance quality and mode
- 3. Relation between dhravya, guna and paryaya
- 4. Cosmology
- 5. Dharmastikaya and adharmastikaya
- 6. Concept of space
- 7. Kala
- 8. Jivastikaya
- 9. Shadjivastikaya

10. Pudgalastikaya
11. The nature of Parmanu
12. Jainachara Mimamsa
13. Origin and growth of the principles of Jaina ethics
14. Sadhus Shrivakchara (Conduct of laities)
15. Achara Mimamsa - Shramanachara
16. Shadvashyaka
17. Parishaha
18. Nine categories of truth (Nava tattva)

Paper-3 Jain Meditation, Yoga and Karma

1. Jain yoga
2. Stages of development of yogic views
3. Form of meditation
4. Support based meditation and conceptions
5. Preksha meditation
6. The agamic source of preksha meditation
7. Anupreksha
8. Leshya: its nature and its divisions
9. The form of yoga
10. The nature of Samadhi
11. Yoga of Action (Kriya-Yoga)
12. Eight-fold yoga
13. Concept and varieties of Samadhi
14. Ten impediments and life-style
15. Object of meditation (karmasthanas)
16. The nature of karma, cause of bondage and its process
17. Divisions and sub-divisions of karma
18. Materiality of karma
19. Part B – analysis of action
20. Theory of karma and Spirituality
20. Part B – analysis of action
21. The theory of karma in context of psychology
22. Karma theory and rebirth
23. Niyati (Destiny) etc, five concomitance
24. Gunasthana

Paper-4 Jain Epistemology and Logic

1. Origin and development of the scholarly commentary on Jain learning
2. Jnana (knowledge) and jneya (object of knowledge)
3. Nature of darshana (perception) and its types
4. Jain theory of knowledge
5. Shruta-jnana (Articulate knowledge)
6. Sense organs and mind
7. The Jain theory of knowledge and epistemology Avadhijnana (clairvoyance)
8. Theory of knowledge and epistemology Manah-Paryavajjana (mind-reading)
9. Keval-jnana (omniscience)
10. The origin and development of Jain logic
11. Contribution of Jainism to the development of Indian logic
12. Characteristic of Pramana
- 13A Pratyaksha (Direct) Pramana
- 13B The theory of perception-II
- 14 Paroksha (Indirect) Pramana
- 15 The object, the result and the subject
- 16 Inference, the universal concomitance and the probans (reasons)

YEAR – 2

Paper-5 Jain Canonical Literature

1. Acharanga Sutra (Introduction of the text and Chapter-1)
2. Sutrakritanga Sutra (Introduction of the text and Chapter-1)
3. Bhagavati Sutra (Introduction of the text and Chapter-1)
4. Uttaradhyayan Sutra (Introduction of the text and Chapter-1)
5. Dasavaikalika Sutra (Introduction of the text and Chapter-1)
6. Samaya Sara (Introduction and Chapter-1, 2)

Paper -6 Anekant, Naya, Nikshep & Syadvada

1. Acharya Siddhasena's contributions to the Jain philosophy
2. Dravya, kshetra, kala aur bhava
3. Examples of naya (Viewpoint)
4. Naya Vichara
5. Vynajana paryaya evan arthaparyaya; contact-mode and object mode
6. Jiva-pudgala ka bhaedabheda – Identical cum different; soul and matter
7. Universal and particular-ness of the object; Vastu ki samanya visheshatmakta
8. Origination, Destruction and Permanence; Utpada Vyaya Dhrauvya
9. Application of the doctrine of multiplicity of viewpoints – Anekanta ki vyapakta
10. The sevenfold doctrine; its nature and parts – Saptabhangi ka swarupa evam bheda
11. Why seven bhanga only? Bhanga sata hi kyon?
12. Self-same and non self-same nature of the object of knowledge (entity)
13. Origin and development of syadvada (conditional dialectic) and anekantavada (multiplicity of viewpoints)
14. Origin and development of nayavada (doctrine of viewpoints)
15. Origin and development of nikshepa (assignment / assumption)

Paper -7 Jain Religious Philosophy & Indian Religious Philosophy

1. Tattva mimansa: Nature of reality/ existence (sat), Vedanta, Bauddha and Jain
2. Nature of the soul/ self (atma)
3. Matter (pudgala) Jain, Sankhya and Nyaya
4. Nature of liberation/ Moksha ka svarupa

5. Relationship between cause and effect in Jain, Bauddha, Vedanta, Sankhya and Nyaya philosophies
6. Nature of non-violence/ Ahinsa Jain, Bauddha, Mimansaka and Vedanta
7. Nature of non-possession/ Aparigraha Jain, Baudha, Yoga and Vedanta
8. Nature of penance / tapa in Jain, Bauddha and Purana
9. Nature of vows/ vrata in Jain, Bauddha and Yoga
10. Nature of karma in Jain, Bauddha, Yoga and Vedanta
11. Nature of Avidhya (nescience) Jain, Bauddha, Mimansa and Vedanta
12. Anekanta (multiplicity of viewpoints) Jain, Bauddha, Mimansa and Vedanta
13. Pramana (valid knowledge or organs of valid knowledge) Jain, Bauddha, Mimansa and Nyaya
14. Anumana (inference) Jain, Bauddha and Nyaya
15. Dhyana (meditation) Jain, Bauddha and Yoga
16. Dhyana ke bheda (Types of meditation) Jain, Bauddha and Yoga
17. Karma, Jnana Bhakti (karma, knowledge and devotion) Jain, Gita

Paper -8 Jain Religious Philosophy & Non-Indian Religious Philosophy

1. Aristotle's matter and form and their comparison with Jain substance and mode
2. Dualism of Descartes and in Jainism
3. Monadology of Leibniz and Jain Theory of Self
4. Kantian Ethics and Jain spiritio-ethical conduct
5. SPACE-TIME (Leibniz, Kant, Newton, Einstein, Jain religion)
6. The concept of soul in Western Philosophy (Descartes, Hume and Kant) and in Jainism
7. Mind-Body relation (Descartes, Spinoza, Leibniz and Jainism)
8. Substance (Descartes, Spinoza and Jainism)
9. Causality (Hume, Kant and Jainism)
10. Nature of the World (Platinus, Spinoza, Leibniz, Berkeley and Jainism)
11. Christianity and Jainism (God, World, Evil, Salvation, Ethics)
12. Jain Religion and Islam
13. Jainism and Zoroastrianism
14. Jainism and Confucianism
15. Economic Disparity and Aparigraha
16. Ecological Balance and Jain non-violence
17. Democracy and Anekanta
18. Healthy Social Structure and Anuvrata