CSS COURSE SYLLABUS

Philosophy

100 marks · one paper · Group VI - Law & Philosophy

Complete Philosophy syllabus. The full official FPSC syllabus this course covers, section by section.

1 **Introduction:**

- Definition, Nature and Scope of Philosophy

2 **Philosophical Methods:**

- Socratic Method (Socrates); Inductive Method (Bacon, Mill); Deductive Method (Aristotle, Descartes); Dialectical Method (Hegel); Fallibilistic Method (Popper)

3 **Epistemology: Rationalism (Plato, Descartes, Spinoza); Empiricism (Locke, Berkeley,**

- Hume); Transcendentalism (Kant); Intuitionism (Bergson)

4 **Ontology: Idealism (Plato, Berkeley); Representative Realism (Locke); Historical and**

- Dialectical Materialism (Marx)

5 **Ethics: What is morality? The challenge of cultural relativism; Does morality depend**

- on religion? Psychological and ethical egoism: Virtue Ethics (Aristotle); Moral Absolutism (Kant), Utilitarianism (J.S. Mill); Social Contract Theory (Hobbes, Rawls).

6 **Muslim Thinkers: Al-Farabi, Ibn Sina, Al-Ghazali, Ibn Rushid, Ibn Khaldun, Shah**

- Waliullah, Muhammad Iqbal.

7 **Contemporary Philosophical Movements:**

- Existentialism (Heidegger, Sartre); Pragmatism (Peirce, James, Dewey);
- Neo-pragmatism (Rorty); Postmodernism (Lyotard, Foucault, Derrida)

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