VASAVI COLLEGE OF ENGNEERING (AUTONOMOUS) DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

COURSE NAME - INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY (Open Elective) B.E → V SEMESTER ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26

Instruction: 2Hrs/week	SEE Marks: 60	Course Code: U24OE530EH
Credits: 3	CIE Marks:40	SEE: 3 hrs.

Course Objectives What the course aims to achieve		Course Outcomes What students should be able to demonstrate after completing the course	
2.	To develop critical and logical thinking	arguments using logical reasoning.	
3.	through philosophical analysis. To explore key philosophical texts and thinkers from various traditions.	 Compare perspectives from different philosophical traditions and historical periods. 	
4.	To encourage reflection on ethical, metaphysical, and epistemological issues.	4. Apply philosophical thinking to contemporary ethical and social issues.	
5.	To cultivate the ability to construct and evaluate arguments.	5. Formulate clear, coherent arguments in both oral and written form.	

Unit 1: What Is Philosophy?

Definition and scope of philosophy Branches of philosophy: metaphysics, epistemology, ethics, logic, aesthetics Philosophical methods and the role of reasoning

Unit 2: Knowledge and Reality (Epistemology and Metaphysics)

What can we know? (Skepticism, rationalism, empiricism)
Appearance vs. reality
The mind-body problem

Unit 3: Ethics and Moral Philosophy

What is the good life? Major ethical theories: utilitarianism, deontology, virtue ethics Moral dilemmas and applied ethics

Unit 4: Political and Social Philosophy

The state and justice Liberty, rights, and social contract theory Civil disobedience and authority

Unit 5: Logic and Critical Thinking

Arguments, premises, and conclusions Fallacies and sound reasoning Introduction to symbolic logic PROFESSOR & HEAD
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1 No. of Internal tests : 2 Max.Marks : 30

2 No. of assignments : 3 Max. Marks : 5

3 No. of Quizzes : 3 Max. Marks : 5

Duration of Internal Tests : 90 Minutes

Duration for SEE : 180 Minutes

The break-up of CIE: Internal Tests + Assignments + Quizzes

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