

**SRI VENKATESWARA UNIVERSITY**  
**B.A. INDIAN CULTURE**  
**III SEMESTER**  
**Under CBCS W.E.F. 2021-22**

**Course – 3 ELEMENTS OF ANCIENT INDIAN PHILOSOPHY**

**Unit:I**

Definition of philosophy – Branches of Philosophy – Importance of Philosophy in Indian society. The nature and characteristics of Indian philosophy – Classification of Indian philosophical systems – Astika and Nastika classes.

**Unit:-II**

Philosophical trends in Rigveda (Theism –Polytheism – Monotheism) the essential of the upanishadic thoughts – Atma, Brahman, Moksha, Rebirth and the concept of Rita.

**Unit:-III**

The Central Doctrines of Heterodox systems – the Charvaka philosophy –Its origin and scope, Epistemology & Metaphysics – The world is made of four elements, there is no soul & there is no God.

**Unit:-IV**

Jainism – Bondage of the Soul, Triratnas, Anekantavada, Classification of substances, Jiva and Ajiva, Sydvada

**Unit:-V**

Buddhism – Introduction, the four noble truths, Astanga marga of Buddhism, Buddhist doctrine of dependent origination (Pratitya samutpadavada)

**BOOKS FOR REFERENCE**

1. Sivaswamy Aiyangar - Hindu Morals and Ethics
2. Radha Krishanan. S - Indian Philosophy Vol. I & II
3. Hiriyanan. M - The Path of Perfection
4. Chenna Kesavan S - The Critical study of Hinduism
5. Balbir Singh - Principles of Ethics
6. Mackenzie J.S - A Manual of Ethics
7. Bradley F.H - Ethical Studies

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**PAPER – III ELEMENTS OF ANCIENT INDIAN PHILOSOPHY**  
**MODEL QUESTION PAPER**

TIME : 3 hrs

Max.Marks : 75

**PART–A**

Answer any FIVE of the following. Each Question carries Five Marks

**5X5=25 Marks**

1. Write about the Branches of Philosophy.
2. Discuss about Astika and Nastika systems of Indian Philosophy.
3. What is the concept of Rita.
4. Write briefly about “Yama”.
5. Discuss about Charvaka Epistemology.
6. Write a note on Re-birth.
7. Give an account of Triratnas.
8. Discuss about Four Noble Truths.

**SECTION – B**

Answer ALL the questions. Each Question carries TEN marks

**5X10=50 Marks**

9. a. Define Philosophy and Explain its importance in Indian Society.

OR

- b. Write an essay on the nature and characteristics of Indian Philosophy.

10. a. Discuss the central teachings of Upanisadic thought.

OR

- b. Describe Polytheism and Monotheism in Vedas.

11. a. Explain the salient features of Charvaka materialism.

OR

b. Examine the Jaina view of Jiva.

12. a. Critically explain the Jaina doctrine of Syadvada.

OR

b. Discuss the theory of Anekantavada.

13. a. Elucidate Pratityasamutpadavada.

OR

b. Explain the Astanga Marga of Buddha.