

## Major – I

## AN INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY

### Unit – 1 What Philosophy Is

- 1.1 Who are Philosophers?
- 1.2 Definition of “Philosophy”
- 1.3 The Subject matter of Philosophy
- 1.4 The Task of Philosophy
- 1.5 The Method of Philosophy
- 1.6 The Characteristics of Philosophy
- 1.7 Science, Religion and Philosophy

### Unit – 2 Relevance of Philosophy

- 2.1 Why Study Philosophy?
- 2.2 Is Philosophy Avoidable?
- 2.3 How is Philosophy Possible?
- 2.4 How to start our Introduction to Philosophy?

### Unit – 3 Branches of Philosophy

- 3.1 Logic
- 3.2 Epistemology
- 3.3 Ethics
- 3.4 Metaphysics
- 3.5 Aesthetics

### Unit – 4 Non-Western Philosophies (essential features only)

- 4.1 Indian Philosophy
- 4.2 Hindu Philosophy
- 4.3 Chinese Philosophy
- 4.4 Islamic Philosophy
- 4.5 African Philosophy
- 4.6 Tamil Philosophy with reference to *Puranānūru*

### Unit – 5 Some Important Problems in Philosophy

- 5.1 Problems in Metaphysics
- 5.2 Problems in Epistemology
- 5.3 Problems in Philosophy of Mind
- 5.4 Problems in Moral Philosophy
- 5.5 Problems in Philosophy of Science and of Nature
- 5.6 Problems in Philosophy of Religion
- 5.7 Problems in Philosophy of God
- 5.8 Problem in Social Philosophy
- 5.9 Problem in Aesthetics

**Prescribed Text Books:** 1. Augustine Perumalil, An Invitation to Philosophy

2. P.K.Sundaram, Puranānūru.

**Books for Reference: (Relevant Chapters only)**

1. G.T.W.Patrick, Introduction to Philosophy
2. Datta & Chatterjee, An Introduction to Indian Philosophy
3. Anand Amaladass, Introduction to Philosophy