

## **Major VI                    MODERN WESTERN PHILOSOPHY**

### **Unit – 1     Descartes**

Cartesian method - Proofs for the existence of God – Mind-body

Dualism – Theory of Innate ideas.

### **Unit – 2     Spinoza**

Parallelism of thought and extension – Substance and Attributes –

Modes.

### **Unit – 3 Leibnitz**

Doctrine of Monads – Pre-established harmony –God.

### **Unit- 4     Locke**

Nature of Knowledge -Primary and Secondary Qualities – Critique of innate ideas.

### **Unit – 5**

(a) **Berkeley:** Refutation of matter - Esse est percipi – Solipsism

(b) **Hume:** Theory of Impressions and Ideas – Scepticism – Denial of  
causality

### **Books for Reference : (Relevant chapters only)**

1. Frank Thilly, A History of Philosophy
2. B.A.G.Fuller, A History of Philosophy
3. W.T.Jones, History of Western Philosophy
4. Sammuel Enoch Stumpf, Philosophy, History and Problems
5. Y.Masih, A Critical History of Modern Philosophy