

Savitribai Phule Pune University
Department of Pali
Exam Pattern & Syllabus for M.Phil and Ph.D. Entrance Exam
Paper-II, Pali and Buddhist Literature
Total Marks 50
Objective multiple choice Questions

N.B.

- 1) The Paper will be comprised of two parts concerning
 - a) Pali Language Literature, Theravāda Philosophy and History
 - b) Sanskrit Buddhist Literature, Mahāyāna Philosophy and History
- 2) Candidate is required to answer any part out of the two
- 3) All questions are compulsory and carry 1 Marks each

Syllabus

PART- A: Pali Language Literature, Theravāda Philosophy and History

1. Pali Language:
Origin homeland of Pali & Pali Grammar
2. Pali Canonical Literature:
Vinayapiṭaka, Suttapiṭaka, Abhidhammapiṭaka
3. Pali Commentarial Literature:
Atthakathās & Ṭikās.
4. Others:
Kāvya Literature, Chronicles, Prosody, Rhetoric
5. Buddhism as Religion and Philosophy:
The Place of Religion, Dogmas in Buddhism
6. Issues concerning the doctrines of Karma and Rebirth
7. Centrality of Ethics:
Implications of Buddhist Ethics to Caste and Gender,
la, Samādhi, Prajñā and Brahmavihāra, Pāramitā
8. Avyākṛtaprasnas and the Buddha's Silence
9. Technical terms in the Buddhist Abhidhamma:

Citta, Caitasika, Rūpa, Nirvāṇa, Skandha, Āyatana, Dhātu, Dhyāna, Parāmitā,
Bodhipakṣīya Dharma

10. Background of Buddhism as a reaction to Vedic and Upanisadic Thought

11. Contemporary Philosophical Sects:

Brahmajāla Sutta and Śrāmaṇyaphalasutta

12. Life and mission of the Buddha:

Parivrajyā, Dhammacakka-ppavattana-sutta, Parinirvana

13. Teachings of the Buddha:

Threefold division: Vinaya, Sutta and Abhidhamma

14. Four noble truths, Pratītyasamutpāda, Dvādaśanidāna:

The doctrines of Anityatā and Anattā, Eightfold path, the concept of Nirvāṇa

PART- B:

Sanskrit Buddhist Literature, Mahāyāna Philosophy and History

1. Earlier Sanskrit Buddhist Texts:

Sarvāstivāda Vinaya, Mahāvastu, Lalitavistara, works of Aśvaghoṣa, Avadāna Literature

2. Mahāyāna Sūtras:

Saddharmapuṇḍarīka-sūtra, Kāraṇḍavyūha, Sukhāvatīvyūha,
Laṅkāvatāra-sūtra, Samādhirāja-sūtra, Suvarṇaprabhāsa-sūtra.

3. Philosophical Texts:

Works of Nāgārjuna, Āryadeva, Asaṅga, Vasūbandhu, Bhāvaviveka,
Candrakīrti, Diṅnāga, Dharmakīrti, Sāntideva, Sāntarakṣita and Kamalaśīla.

4. Stotras:

Storas, Dhāraṇīs and Tantra Literature

5. Buddhism as Religion and Philosophy:

The Place of Religion, Dogmas in Buddhism

6. Issues concerning the doctrines of Karma and Rebirth

7. Centrality of Ethics:

Implications of Buddhist Ethics to Caste and Gender,
Śīla, Samādhi, Prajñā and Brahmavihāra, Parāmitā

8. Arguments for Kṣaṇikatā (Dharmakīrti), Vijñaptimātratāsiddhi

(Vasūbandhu) and Śūnyatā (Nāgārjuna)

9. Background of Buddhism as a reaction to Vedic and Upaniṣadic Thought

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