

**6<sup>th</sup> SEMESTER**  
**GENERIC ELECTIVE COURSE (GE)**

**PL620G: PHILOSOPHY - ETHICS**

**CREDITS: THEORY: 4 CREDITS; TUTORIALS: 2 CREDITS**  
**MAX. MARKS: THEORY: 60 MARKS; TUTORIALS: 30 MARKS**  
**MIN. MARKS: THEORY: 24 MARKS; TUTORIALS: 12 MARKS**

**THEORY (4 CREDITS: 60 MARKS)**

**Unit 1<sup>st</sup>**

1. Nature and definition of ethics
2. Areas of Ethics
  - a. Meta ethics
  - b. Normative ethics
  - c. Applied ethics

**Unit 2<sup>nd</sup>**

1. Theories of punishment
  - a. Reformatory theory of punishment
  - b. Retributive theory of punishment
  - c. Deterrent theory of punishment
2. Kant: categorical imperative

**Unit 3<sup>rd</sup>**

1. John Dewey: Naturalism
2. G E Moore: Intuitionism

**Unit 4<sup>th</sup>**

1. Ethical subjectivism
2. Ethical objectivism

**TUTORIALS (ASSIGNMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, VIVA VOICE) (2 CREDITS = 30 MARKS)**

**Unit 1<sup>st</sup>**

1. Relation of ethics with religion
2. Utilitarianism
  - i. Bentham's version of Utilitarianism
  - ii. J S Mills version of Utilitarianism

**Unit 2<sup>nd</sup>**

1. Stevenson: Emotivism
2. Ethical Relativism:

**SUGGESTED READINGS:**

1. BRANKENA W: ETHICS, PRENTICE HALL OF INDIA, NEW DELHI, 1982
2. CARAMSN AND PAPPAS: PHILOSOPHICAL PROBLEMS AND ARGUMENTS; AN INTRODUCTION
3. J.N. SINHA: A MANUAL OF ETHICS
4. R. N. SHARMA: OUTLINE OF ETHICS
5. MAKENZI: A MANUAL OF ETHICS
6. W. FRANHENA: ETHICS
7. W. LILLIE: AN INTRODUCTION OF ETHICS