

# Government Degree College, Baramulla

## SEMESTER 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> MULTIDISCIPLINARY COURSE

CREDITS: 03

**Subject: PHILOSOPHY**

**Course Title : (INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY)**

**Course Code : BPL22M101**

### **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

- a. *To get a sense of how philosophers function as mistake specialists, identifying the errors that our ways of thinking are marked by, figuring out ways of overcoming them.*
- b. *To see how thinking is an indispensable human activity that we can't outsource to others, and how philosophy is, above all else, a work on oneself, one's own conceptual repertoire, presuppositions, prejudices.*
- c. *To expose ourselves to the paradigmatic philosophical figures in the history of Western and Islamic philosophy and some of their key concepts, and thereby learn to think across traditions.*

**16 Hrs per Unit**

### **UNIT I**

Understanding Philosophy & its Branches

Socrates: Philosophical Method

Aristotle: Causation.

### **UNIT II**

Rene Descartes: Cartesian Epistemology

John Locke: Critique of Cartesian Epistemology

Immanuel Kant: Synthesis of Rationalism and Empiricism

### **UNIT III**

**Existentialism :-** An Introduction

**Kierkegaard :-** Three Stages of Life

**Sartre :-** Freedom and Responsibility

### **RECOMMENDED READINGS**

1. The Story of Philosophy - Will Durant
2. Philosophy: A Very Short Introduction - Edward Craig
3. The Cambridge Companion to Early Greek Philosophy - A. A. Long
4. Arguing with Socrates: An Introduction to Plato's Shorter Dialogues - Christopher Warne
5. *Philosophy as a Way of Life: Spiritual Exercises from Socrates to Foucault* - Pierre Hadot and Arnold Davidson
6. Human, All Too Human: A Book for Free Spirits - Friedrich Nietzsche,
7. The Translator of Desires: Muhyiddin Ibn 'Arabi - Michael Sells
8. Philosophy in the Modern World: A New History of Western Philosophy - Anthony Kenny
9. Modern philosophy: From Descartes to Leibniz - Frederick Copleston
10. Faith and Reason in Islam: Averroes' exposition of religious arguments - Ibrahim Najjar, Averroes
11. The Incoherence of the Philosophers Al Ghazali
12. Islam and Rationality. The Impact of al-Ghazālī Frank Griffel
13. Avicenna and His Legacy: A Golden Age of Science and Philosophy ; Authors. Tzvi Langermann
14. The story of reason in Islam - Sari Nusseibeh