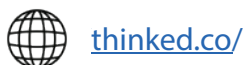




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# Philosophy

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# Paper: Philosophy (100 Marks)

## I. *Introduction:*

Definition, Nature and Scope of Philosophy

## II. *Philosophical Methods:*

Socratic Method (Socrates); Inductive Method (Bacon, Mill); Deductive Method (Aristotle, Descartes); Dialectical Method (Hegel); Fallibilistic Method (Popper)

III. **Epistemology:** Rationalism (Plato, Descartes, Spinoza); Empiricism (Locke, Berkeley, Hume); Transcendentalism (Kant); Intuitionism (Bergson)

IV. **Ontology:** Idealism (Plato, Berkeley); Representative Realism (Locke); Historical and Dialectical Materialism (Marx)

V. **Ethics:** What is morality? The challenge of cultural relativism; Does morality depend on religion? Psychological and ethical egoism: Virtue Ethics (Aristotle); Moral Absolutism (Kant), Utilitarianism (J.S. Mill); Social Contract Theory (Hobbes, Rawls).

VI. **Muslim Thinkers:** Al-Farabi, Ibn Sina, Al-Ghazali, Ibn Rushid, Ibn Khaldun, Shah Waliullah, Muhammad Iqbal.

## VII. *Contemporary Philosophical Movements:*

Existentialism (Heidegger, Sartre); Pragmatism (Peirce, James, Dewey); Neo-pragmatism (Rorty); Postmodernism (Lyotard, Foucault, Derrida)

## RECOMMENDED READINGS

S.No.	Title	Author
1.	A History of Western Philosophy	Bertrand Russell
2.	Philosophy: The Power of Ideas	Brooke Noel Moore & Kenneth Bruder
3.	Elements of Moral Philosophy	James Rachels
4.	Existentialism & Human Emotions	Jean Paul Sartre
5.	The Postmodern Condition: A Report on Knowledge	Jean-Francois Lyotard
6.	Descartes to Derrida: An Introduction to European Philosophy	Peter Sedgwick
7.	Continental Philosophy in the 20 <sup>th</sup> Century	Richard Kearney
8.	A Short History of Modern Philosophy	Roger Scruton
9.	A History of Muslim Philosophy. Volume I & II	M. M. Sharif
10.	A History of Islamic Philosophy	Majid Fakhry
11.	The Reconstruction of Religious Thought in Islam	Muhammad Iqbal
12.	Iqbal	Mustansir Mir

13.	Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy( <a href="http://plato.stanford.edu">plato.stanford.edu</a> ).	Internet Resources
14.	Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy( <a href="http://www.iep.utm.edu">www.iep.utm.edu</a> ).	Internet Resources

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