

# Syllabus for Ph.D. Entrance Test under Dharma Studies (Jainology)

## PAPER 1

1. Logical Reasoning
2. Numerical Ability
3. General Aptitude (Research Aptitude)

## PAPER 2

- 1) History of Jainism: Kālacakra (cycle of time) and the tradition of Tīrthaṅkaras - Life-sketch of Lord Ṛṣabhadeva, Pārśvanātha and Mahāvīra
- 2) Jain Sects and their sub-division: Digambara and Śvetāmbara and their subsects.
- 3) Worship in Jainism. Ṇamokāra Mahāmantra, Five Preceptor (Pañca Parameṣṭhi), Prayer, Bhakti, Upāsana.
- 4) Prakrit Canonical (Āgama) Literature and their Vācanās/ Muni Samellan (councils).
- 5) Prominent Ācāryas of Jainism : Life and works of Ācārya Kundakunda, Ācārya Umāsvāmi(ti), Ācārya Siddhasena, Ācārya Akalaṅka svāmi, Ācārya Haribhadra Sūri, Ācārya Vīrasena Svāmi, Ācārya Jinasena, Ācārya Hemchandra Sūri and Ācārya Yaśovijay.
- 6) Ethics in Jainism - Aṇuvratas, Guṇavratas and Śikṣāvratas; Great Vows (Mahāvratas) of Monks- Ahiṃsā (non-violence), Satya (truth), Asteya (non-stealing), Braḥmacarya (celibacy) and Aparigraha (non-possessiveness), its significance and relevance.
- 7) Nature of Reality and Substance in Jainism, Soul consciousness, Cognition, as per textual texts like Samaysāra, Pravacanasāra, Tattvārtha Sutra, Acharāṅga Sutra, Uttaradhyayana Sutra, Sutrakṛtanga, Seven elements and six substance; Theory of Karma and its classification, Theory of Puruṣārtha.
- 8) Epistemological questions with respect to the concept of Knowledge and its types, Jain Logic, Anekāntavāda and Syādvāda;
- 9) The concept of Liberation in Jainism. Three Jewels: Samyakdarśana-Jñāna-Cāritra.
- 10) Jain Yoga and Dhyāna as per texts based on Subhchandra's Jñānārnav and views of Haribhadrāsuri and Hemachandra.
- 11) Jain Art (Śilpa) and Architecture: Jain caves and temples of Southern India, Jain Temples of Khajurāho, Devagarha, Pālītānā and Mount-Ābu.

- 12) Jain Sculptures, Paintings and Jain Iconography: important Jain Sculptures available in India, Idols received from Śravaṇabelagolā and Mathurā.
- 13) Impact of Jain Religion on Society: Vegetarianism (Śakāhāra) and Charity (Dāna); Status of women in Jain Religion.
- 14) Environmental and Ecological and ethical issues in Jainism; Jainism and Science.
- 15) Main Centres of Jaina Learning: Śravaṇabelagolā, Jesalamera, Ahmedabad, Varanasi, Vaishali, Koba, Ladnun, Jaipur, Delhi; Jainism in abroad.

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