

WESTERN PHILOSOPHY – II

Unit 1:

Idealism – Bradley – The Place of the Finite in Absolute Idealism – Appearance and Reality – Idealism of Croce and Royce.

Unit 2:

Realism – Refutation of Idealism of G.E. Moore – Criticism of Idealism – Critical and Neo- American Realists – Sense- Data – G.E.Moore and Bertrand Russell.

Unit 3:

a) Logical Positivism – Wittgenstein and Ayer – Verification Principle – The Method of Analysis – Protocol Statement – Tautologies.

b) Analytical Philosophy – Ryle and Austin.

Unit 4:

a) Pragmatism – James, Pierce

b) Instrumentalism – John Dewey

c) Humanism – Schiller

Unit 5:

Existentialism – Kierkegaard, Martin Heidegger, Jean Paul Sartre.

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