

**CORE COURSE IV – HISTORY OF IDEAS**

**Unit I**

The branches of Philosophy – Metaphysics – Classes of existence – Theory of knowledge – Ethics – Aesthetics – Politics

**Unit II**

Plato's philosophy – Subject of knowledge – Relativity of qualities – Reality – The function of the artist – Politics – Morals – Classes of States.

**Unit III**

Theories of ethics – Subjective and objective Theories – Variety of Moral Judgements – Kant's theory of morals – Hedonism – Naturalistic ethics – Values.

**Unit IV**

Ends of Communities – Social justice – Liberty – Education – purpose of Political action – Social contract theory – Natural rights – Force – Democracy – Good society.

**Unit V**

Sense of Reality – political Judgement – Government repression – Socialism – Marxism – The Romantic Revolution – Nationalism.

**Reference Books :**

1. Henrick Willem Van Loon : The Story of Mankind, Washington, Square Press Inc. New York.
2. C.E.M. Joad, Philosophy : Fawcett Publications, Inc., Greenwich
3. James K. Feibleman : Understanding Philosophy, Dell Publishing Co. New York.
4. Isaiah Berlin : The Sense of Reality, Farrar, Strant and Giroux, New York, Chapters 1,2,3,4,5,6 &7.