

Semester: 1

Course: VAC

All Courses- 1st year

Name of the Paper: Ethics and Values in Ancient Indian Tradition

Question Bank

1. Discuss the concept of R̥ta in Vedic literature. How does it form the foundation of cosmic and social order?
2. Elaborate on Dharma as the central ethical principle in ancient Indian traditions. Examine its relevance across different social roles.
3. Analyze the ethical significance of Ahimsa (non-violence) in Shramanic traditions like Buddhism and Jainism.
4. Examine the Purusharthas (Dharma, Artha, Kama, Moksha). How do they provide a comprehensive framework for ethical living?
5. Discuss kingship and statecraft in ancient India. How did the concept of Rajadharma guide political ethics?
6. Critically evaluate the role of Sanskaras in inculcating moral values from birth to death.
7. Analyze ethical dilemmas in the Mahabharata, particularly the conflict between personal duty and universal morality.
8. Examine the concept of Karma and its ethical implications for individual and social responsibility.