KRISHNA KANTA HANDIQUI STATE OPEN UNIVERSITY

Two Year Postgraduate Programme

Value Added Courses (VACs)

2023

VAC 101

Introduction to Ethics

UNIT 1: NATURE AND SCOPE OF ETHICS
Definition of Ethics, Nature of Ethics, Scope of Ethics

UNIT 2: THE CONCEPT OF MORALITY
Definition of Morality, The Nature of Morality, Different Moral Concepts, Moral theory

UNIT 3: FACT AND VALUE
What is fact, What is value, Classification of values, Distinction between fact and value

UNIT 4: MORAL CONCEPTS
Good, Right, Duty, Virtue, Good, Right, Duty, Virtue

UNIT 5: FREEDOM AND DETERMINISM
Determinism: Its Meaning, Arguments in Support of Determinism, What is Freedom or Free Will, Arguments In Support of Free Will, Brief Note On Predestination, Fatalism and Scientific Determinism, The Case Of Freedom and Determinism

UNIT 6: PURUSARTHA
Artha, Kama, Dharma, Moksa, Four Basic Sciences

UNIT 7: THEORIES OF PUNISHMENT NOTION OF CRIME AND PUNISHMENT
Theories of Punishment, Deterrent Theory, Reformative Theory, Retributive Theory, Capital Punishment

Reading list

S.P. Sharma: *Nature and Scope of Ethics*
Ravi, I: *Foundations of Indian Ethics*
J.N. Sinha: *A Manual of Ethics*
J.N. Mohanty: *Classical Indian Philosophy*
I.C. Sharma: *Ethical Philosophies of India*
J.N. Mohanty: *Explorations in Philosophy*
P. Benn: Ethics: *Fundamentals of Philosophy*