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M.A. (1st Year) 2nd Semester Examination, 2018

Subject : Philosophy

Paper : PHIL/Th/2S /201

(Indian Logic)

Time : 2 Hours

Full Marks : 40

Group-I

(Answer any one question)

1. What is *anumāna* ? How many forms of *anumāna* are there ? Explain following *Nyāyasūtra*. 2+8=10

2. Give some arguments in favour of *Pañcāvayavavāda* from the *Nyāya* point of view. 10

(Answer any two questions) 2x5=10

3. Explain the *karāṇa* of an *anumiti* following *Nyāyasūtra*. 5
4. What is the way of *Vyāpti niścaya* ? 5
5. Write a short note on *udāharāṇa* after the *Naiyāyikas*. 5
6. How does *bhāsyakāra* of *Nyāyasūtra* criticise *daśāvayavavāda* ? Explain briefly. 5

(Answer any one question) 1x10=10

7. Explain the definition of inference following the view of Dharmakīrti. 10
8. What do you understand by *svabhāva hetu* ? Why is the knowledge of *śimsapā* regarded as the *svabhāva hetu* ? Explain with example. 2+8

(Answer any two questions) 2x10=20

9. How many causes have been admitted by the Bauddha Philosophers in *Nyāyabindu* for the perception of the existent categories (*padārthas*). Explain with examples. 3+2
10. Why in *Nyāyabindu* the types of inferences have been mentioned prior to the definition of the inference. 5
11. Why do the *Naiyāyikas* admit the perception of absence (*abhāba*) ? Which *promāṇa* has been recognized by the Bauddha philosophers for the knowledge of absence (*abhāba*) ? 2+3
12. What are the three characteristics of *liṅga* mentioned in the fifth *sūtra* of *Nyāyabindu*. 5

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(Western Ethics)

Time : 2 Hours

Full Marks : 40

A. Answer any *two* questions:-

10x2=20

1. What are the main presuppositions of naturalistic theories in meta-ethics ? How does R. B. Perry define the term 'good' ? How does G. E. Moore expose the inadequacies of ethical naturalism ? Answer in the light of his unanalysability argument and open question argument. 2+2+6=10
2. What are the three key requirements the vital sense of 'good' must comply with according to C.L.Stevenson ? How does he show the non-compliance of the traditional interest theories to these requirements ? 3+7=10
3. 'Treat every rational being including yourself always as an end, and never as a means' – Explain the significance of this statement following Immanuel Kant. 10
4. State and explain the debate between conservatives and liberals regarding abortion. Which view is more acceptable to you and why ? 10

B. Answer any *four* questions :-

5x4=20

5. What does J.S.Mill mean by internal sanction ? 5
6. Explain briefly Aristotle's concept of eudaemonia in relation to his concept of virtue. 5
7. What does Immanuel Kant mean by a 'Kingdom of Ends' ? 5
8. Give a brief account of Edward Westermarck's subjective naturalism. State the No- conflicts argument of G.E. Moore that raises an objection to this form of naturalism. 5
9. Contrast A.J.Ayer's radical emotivism with C.L. Stevenson's moderate emotivism. 5
10. Discuss the problems faced by G.E.Moore's thesis : Good is not synonymous with any naturalistic expression. 5
11. Distinguish between deep ecology and shallow ecology. 5
12. What is the distinction between active and passive euthanasia ? Which view is more acceptable to you ? 5

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(Indian Ethics)

Time : 2 Hours

Full Marks : 40

- A. Answer any two questions:- 10x2=20
1. Give an account of the theory of self following the *Gīta*. 10
 2. What is *niṣkāma karma* ? Is the ideal of *niṣkāma karma* practicable ? Explain 5+5
 3. Is Buddhist ethics egoistic or altruistic in its approach ? Answer in the light of Buddhist ethico-religious ideals. 10
 4. Discuss the eight-fold path (*aṣṭāṅgika mārga*) as preached by the Buddha for the cessation of suffering. 10
- B. Answer any four questions :- 5x4=20
5. Explain the *Gīta* concept of *lokasaṅgraha*. 5
 6. What is the import of adherence to *svadharma* ? Answer following the *Gīta*. 5
 7. What, according to the *Gīta*, is the difference in action between enlightened and the ignorant? 5
 8. Write a short note on *daśasīla*. 5
 9. Write a short note on *Brahmavihāra*. 5
 10. What are the three *śīla*-s prescribed in the fourth *Āryasatya* ? Give a brief description of each of them. 1+4
 11. How does a person ruin himself? Answer following the *Gīta*. 5
 12. Write a short note on the *prajñā* and *samādhi* stages prescribed in the *aṣṭāṅgikamārga* and explain how they aid in the attainment of *nibbāna*. 5

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Paper : PHIL/Th/2S /204

(Philosophy of Religion)

Time : 2 Hours

Full Marks : 40

- A. Answer any two questions from the following :- 10x2=20
1. Explain why God's goodness, omnipotence and omniscience are not logically consistent with the existence of evil. Explain what led Alvin Plantinga to reject J.L. Mackie's quasi-logical rule : "A good thing always eliminates evil as far as it can". 10
 2. Elaborate the Advaita Vedāntin and Kantian models of religious pluralism. 10
 3. Discuss the Judeo-Christian conception of God. 10
 4. What according to Swami Vivekananda are the three elements common to every religion ? Is Swamiji's vision of a universal religion a paradigm of religions pluralism? Give reasons for your answer. 1+9=10
- B. Answer any four questions from the following :- 5x4=20
5. Discuss after William James the essential features of mystical experience. 5
 6. Discuss Bhadanta Śubhagupta's anti-theistic arguments. 5
 7. Can religions differences be resolved within a secular framework of society ? Answer following John Hick. 5
 8. Why is the free will defense offered by the theists not acceptable to J.L. Mackie ? Answer in the light of the Paradox of Omnipotence formulated by him. 5
 9. Discuss the Jaina arguments against the existence of God. 5
 10. How does the story of the blind men and the elephant illustrate John Hick's religious pluralism ? 5
 11. Write a short note on intra-religions and inter-religious harmony. 5
 12. Distinguish religious pluralism from religious exclusivism and religious inclusivism. 5

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(Modern Indian Philosophy)

Time : 2 Hours

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A. Answer any *two* questions:-

10x2=20

1. Explain the concept of non-violence as interpreted by Mahatma Gandhi. 10
2. What according to Sri Aurobindo are the special features of the conventional and typical age.
3. How does Rabindranath Tagore explain the notion of spiritual union? 10
4. What are the different grades of consciousness according to K.C.Bhattacharya? 10

B. Answer any *four* questions :-

5x4=20

5. What is the meaning of 'Swaraj' according to Mahatma Gandhi? 5
6. What according to Mahatma Gandhi are the significant features of a satyagrahi? 5
7. Explain briefly the meaning of truth following Mahatma Gandhi. 5
8. What are the features of a symbolic age according to Sri Aurobindo? 5
9. What does Sri Aurobindo mean by individualistic age? 5
10. How has Sri Aurobindo explained the nature of subjective age? Discuss briefly. 5
11. Explain briefly Rabindranath Tagore's concept of spiritual freedom. 5
12. Discuss after Rabindranath Tagore the finite and infinite aspects of man. 5