

M.A. 1st Year 2nd Semester Examination 2023

Subject: Philosophy

Paper: Indian Logic

Paper Code: Phil/CC/4201

Full marks: 40

Time: 2 Hours

Group A

A. Answer any one question of the following: -

10×1=10

1. Explain the nature of *tarka*. What are its different types? Explain with examples. 5+5
2. What is *kathā*? What are its different types? Discuss in detail following the Naiyāyika-s. 2+8

B. Answer any two questions of the following: -

5×2=10

3. What is the difference between *sādharmya hetu vākya* and *vaidharmya hetu vākya*?
4. Can *nigamana vākya* be considered as a mere repetition of the *pratijñā vākya*? Discuss.
5. What do the Naiyāyikas mean by *upanaya vākya*?
6. What is *nirṇaya*? Explain with example.

Group B

C. Answer any one question out of the following: -

10×1=10

7. How has *vyāpya-vyāpaka sambandha* been explained by Vācaspati Miśra? Explain the concept of *upādhi* in this context.
8. Why has the author of *Yuktidīpikā* offered three definitions of *sāmānyatodrṣṭa anumāna*? Discuss.

D. Answer any two questions of the following:-

5×2=10

9. Give an account of the different *avayava*-s of *anumāna* following *Yuktidīpikā*.
10. Distinguish between *pūrvavat* and *sāmānyatodrṣṭa anumāna* following *Sāṅkhya-Tattvakaumudī*.

11. Give an account of *pūrvavat* and *śeṣavat anumāna* following *Yuktidīpikā*.

12. Give an account of the *vīta anumāna* following Vācaspati Miśra.

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Paper: Western Ethics

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Time: 2 Hours

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A. Answer any two questions out of the following: -

10×2=20

1. What argument does John Stuart Mill provide in favour of his view that men necessarily seek higher form of mental pleasure over bodily pleasure? What objections does Mill think might arise against such view and how does he try to resolve them?

4+6

2. How does A. J. Ayer show that moral propositions are not empirical statements of fact? What is his own theory of meaning about moral propositions? Discuss. Do you think his view can be subjected to criticism? Give reasons for your answer. 3+3+4

3. Give an outline of subjective naturalism. Explain the No-conflict argument and Different-proof argument proposed by G. E. Moore and A.C. Ewing respectively against this view.

4+6

4. Discuss after Kant the third formulation of categorical imperative

B. Answer any four questions out of the following:

5×4=20

5. What is the difference between rule utilitarianism and act utilitarianism? Explain with examples.

6. What are the external sanctions admitted by Jeremy Bentham and why has he recognized them?
7. Is moral assessment of a person immune to luck? Discuss after Thomas Nagel.
8. What does Plato mean by justice in the state as well as justice in the individual soul?
9. Discuss the main features of R. M. Hare's Prescriptivism.
10. Is good will the only thing which is good in the world? Discuss briefly following Immanuel Kant.
11. What are the five basic tenets of cultural relativism? Discuss after James Rachels whether cultural relativism is philosophically tenable.
12. How does Moore try to prove the naturalistic fallacy with the help of open question arguments? Discuss.

M.A. 1st Year 2nd Semester Examination 2023

Subject: Philosophy

Paper: Indian Ethics

Paper Code: Phil//CC/4203

Group A

- A. Answer any two questions of the following: 10×2=20
1. Discuss in brief, *ātmasvarūpa* following *Gītā*.
 2. Does *arthavāda* represent *Vaidic* injunctions for action? Discuss in the light of its definition. Discuss the different types of *arthavāda*. 3+7
 3. Discuss the different characteristics of *sthitaprajña* following *Bhgavadgītā*.
 4. Critically discuss the path of liberation in Jaina philosophy.

Group -B

- B. Answer any four questions from the following: 5×4=20
5. *Na ca codanā lakṣaṇaḥ arthaḥ dharmah* ——— State the objection encapsulated in this statement. How does Laugākṣī Bhāskara dissolve the objection? 3+2=5
 6. Give a short note on *lokasaṃgraha* following the *Bhagavad Gītā*.
 7. Explain briefly the idea of *niṣkāma karma* following the *Bhagavad Gītā*.
 8. What is the role of *śīla* in Buddhist ethics?
 9. Analyse the notion of *Brahmavihāra* and bring out its social implications.
 10. Give an outline of the concepts of *śābdībhāvanā* and *ārthībhāvanā*.
 11. State the significance of *triratna* according to Jaina ethics.
 12. What is moral dilemma? Why did Arjuna fall into moral dilemma? Discuss. 2+3=5

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Subject: Philosophy

Paper: Philosophy of Religion

Paper Code: Phil/CC/4204

Full Marks: 40

Time: 2 Hours

**A. Answer any two questions of the following:-
10×2=20**

1. State the argument involving the claim that the probable truth of a religious belief is based on religious experience. What are the two hypotheses that are purported to support the basic premise of this argument? How does Michael Martin evaluate these two hypotheses? 2+2+6

2. State and explain the arguments given by the Naiyayikas to establish God as a creator of the universe? How does Dharmakīrti criticize those Nyaya arguments? Explain briefly.

5+5=10

3. Explain the falsification challenge to religious language after Antony Flew. How do the views concerning the meaning of religious language proposed by R. M. Hare and Basil Mitchell differ from Antony Flew's view that religious language is non-falsifiable? Discuss in the light of the different parables used by them. 3+7

4. Give an account of the four primary theistic solutions to the problem of evil and Mackie's repudiation of these solutions. 10

**B. Answer any four questions out of the following: -
5×4=20**

5. According to Nāgārjuna how many possible alternatives are there regarding the act of creation of God? Are they sustainable? 1+4=5

6. How does St. Anselm demonstrate that i) God exists and ii) God necessarily exists? Is there any objection raised against his argument? Discuss. 3+2

7. Is the Paradox of Omnipotence a challenge to the theistic solution to the problem of evil as a problem of logical consistency? Discuss briefly.

8. Discuss the Judeo-Christian concept of God following John Hick.
9. Discuss in brief Swami Vivekananda's concept of universal religion.
10. Is there any conceptual connection between religion and morality? Discuss after Nowell-Smith
11. Discuss Dharmakirti's arguments against the existence of God.
12. Discuss after Richard Swinburne the different varieties of religious experience.

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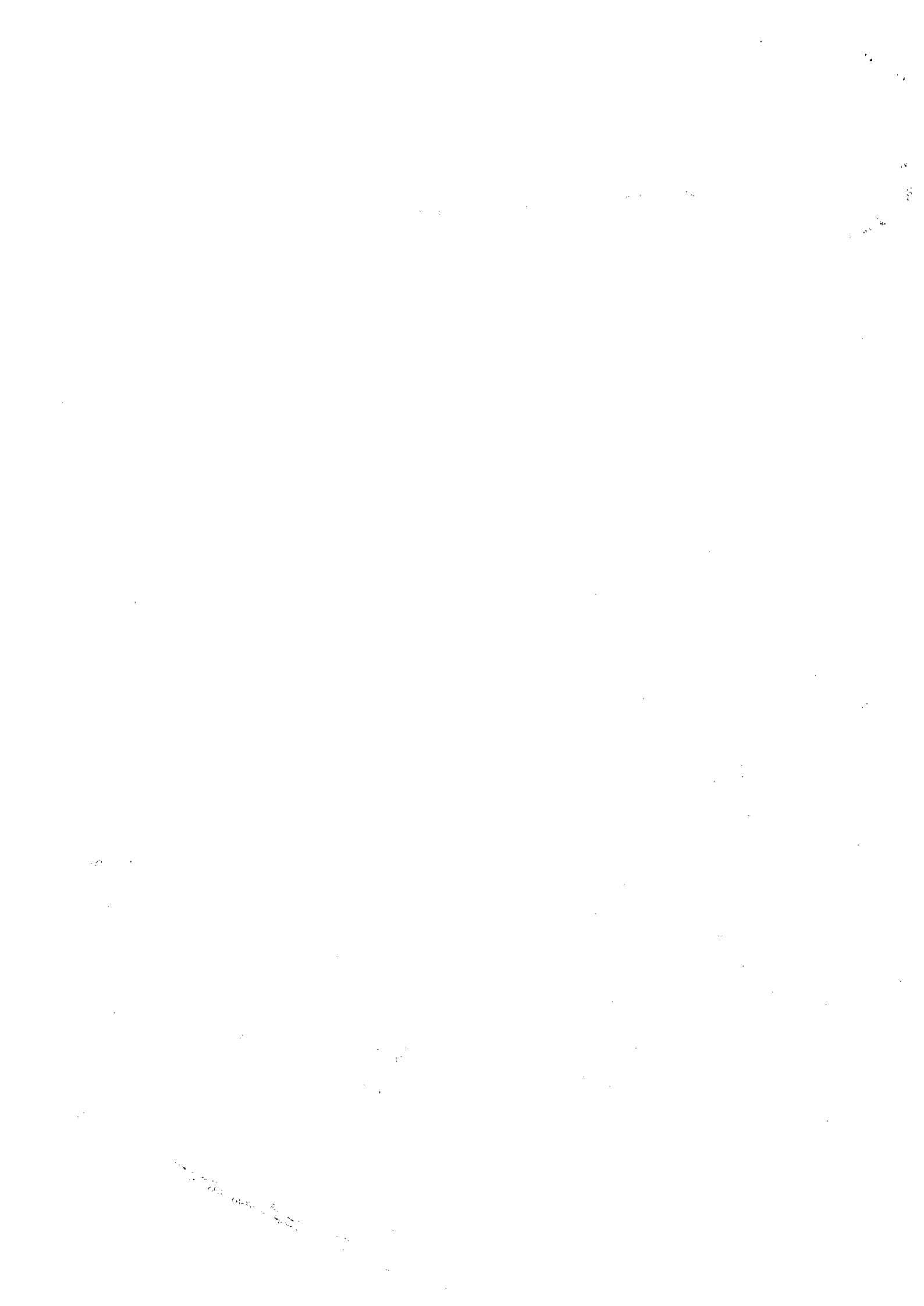
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M.A. 1st Year 2nd Semester Examination, 2023

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Paper: Modern Indian Philosophy

Paper Code: Phil/CC/4205

Time: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 40

A. Answer any two questions from the following:

10×2=20

1. Does non-violence merely signify non-killing or non-injury according to M.K.Gandhi? How, according to him, non-violence is an appropriate means to deal with all forms of violence and injustice? 3+7
2. Explain the infinite nature of man following Rabindranath Tagore.
3. Why the conventional age, according to Sri Aurobindo led to the emergence of individualistic age? Discuss in this connection the features of the individualistic age following Sri Aurobindo. 5+5
4. How does S. Radhakrishnan explain the significance of religion? Discuss.

B. Answer any four questions:

5×4=20

5. Explain Gandhi's concept of trusteeship.
6. Explain the significant features of subjective age following Sri Aurobindo.
7. Did Ambedkar regard 'varna' and 'caste' as synonymous? Discuss
8. What is the traditional proof for the existence of God according to Iqbal?
9. Explain the nature of intuition according to Radhakrishnan.
10. What are the four grades of theoretic consciousness according to K.C.Bhattacharya? Explain briefly.
11. What does the ideal of swaraj imply according to Gandhi?
12. Briefly explain Tagore's concept of religion.

