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HOME ASSIGNMENT

M. A. in Philosophy

Session: 2013-2014)

(Final Year)

Guidelines for Submission:

1. Write your name, session, roll number, the topic selected and the title of the answer *clearly on the top*.
2. Each of the two topics given in each paper will be answered as **two essays** of *not more than 500 words each*. There will be negative marking for writing in excess of the word-limit.
3. Each answer (essay) carries a weightage of **10 marks**. (10 marks x 2 essays = 20 marks).
4. Keep a margin of about 1 inch on each side of the page.
5. You can submit the essay written in your own hand-writing on clean A-4 sized paper.
6. In case you prefer to submit type-written answers, make sure that there are no typing errors which will deduct from the overall impression.
7. Do not submit commercially purchased answers as such a practice is deemed to be unfair.
8. Submit your assignment before **14th November, 2014**.

Paper VI : Contemporary Indian Philosophy (*Answer any two*)(Marks: 10×2= 20)

- 1) Write a brief note on K.C. Bhattacharyya's concept of Philosophy.
- 2) Critically examine Aurobinda's notion of reality.
- 3) Briefly discuss Gandhi's conception of Religion.
- 4) Write a brief note on Gandhi's Philosophy of Social reconstruction.

Paper VII : Theory of Knowledge (*Answer any two*) (Marks: 10×2= 20)

- 1) Is knowledge justified true belief? Give reasons for your answer.
- 2) Explain the relation between meaning and reference.
- 3) Examine the possibility of Self-knowledge.
- 4) Give a critical estimate of the Coherence theory of Truth.

Paper VIII : Metaphysics (*Answer any two*) (Marks: 10×2= 20)

- 1) Determine the nature of metaphysical enquiry.
- 2) Discuss nominalism as a theory of Universals.
- 3) Discuss parallelism as a theory of Mind – Body relation.
- 4) What are the categories according to Kant? Discuss their role in Knowledge.

Paper IX (Group A) (i) Logic (*Answer any two*) (Marks: 10×2= 20)

- 1) Distinguish between proposition and propositional function with illustrations.
- 2) What is Quantification and propositional function with illustrations.
- 3) Discuss after Quine the scope of Logic.
- 4) What is Logical Truth? How is it different from empirical Truth? Discuss.

Paper X (Group A) (ii) Logic (*Answer any two*)

(Marks: 10×2= 20)

- 1) Distinguish between Primary and Secondary Induction.
- 2) What is the problem of Induction? Is it justified? Discuss.
- 3) What is Paramarsha? Discuss its role in Anumana.
- 4) How is Vyapti ascertained according to Nayaya? Discuss.

Paper IX (Group B) (i) Philosophy of Religion (*Answer any two*)

(Marks: 10×2= 20)

- 1) What are the arguments for the immortality of the Soul according to Plato?
- 2) State the problem of evil and give a solution that appeals to you.
- 3) What is karma? Is the theory of Karma fatalistic? Discuss.
- 4) Write a note on the contemporary critiques of religion.

Paper X (Group B) (ii) Comparative Religion (*Answer any two*)

(Marks: 10×2= 20)

- 1) Define Comparative Religion. Is the Comparative study of religion possible in the real sense? Discuss.
- 2) Write a note on the state of religion at the Indus Valley Civilization.
- 3) What are the salient features of Hinduism as a religion?
- 4) Compare the concepts of God in Christianity and Islam.

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