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H O M E   A S S I G N M E N T
M. A. in Philosophy
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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**.

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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 prepositional function with illustrations.
2) What is Quantification and prepositional 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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