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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 **22nd December, 2014.**

Paper I: Indian Philosophy

1. Explain and examine the epistemological doctrine of Charvaka. 10
2. Explain the Samkhya Theory of Causation. 10

Paper II: Western Classical Philosophy

1. Bring out the significance of Descartes' Statement "Cogito ergo sum". 10
2. Discuss briefly the scepticism of Hume. 10

Paper III: Contemporary Western Philosophy

1. Bring out the implication of the sentence "Existence precedes essence." 10
2. Explain and examine Moore's refutation of idealism. 10

Paper IV: Ethics

1. Give a critical account of Aristotle's ethical theory. 10
2. Examine G.E. Moore's concept of Good. 10

Paper V: Logic

1. Distinguish between singular and general propositions. Explain how they are symbolised. 10

Or

- What is Truth Function? Explain the Basic Truth Functions. 10
2. . Discuss the matrix method of testing arguments with examples. 10