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M.A. PHILOSOPHY (MAPY)

Term-End Examination

June, 2017

MPYE-014 : PHILOSOPHY OF MIND

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

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- Note :** (i) *Answer all five questions.*
(ii) *All questions carry equal marks.*
(iii) *Answers to question no. 1 and 2 should be in about 500 words each.*
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1. How do the vedanta and sankya schools of Indian philosophy understand mind and its role in perception ? 20

OR

Discuss in detail the contemporary debates on the nature of mind and body. Differentiate the notions of physical body and lived body. 20

2. Write an essay on animal consciousness, presenting arguments for and against it. 20

OR

Is language a contingent system of symbols which accidentally develops in the human community ? Discuss the need for universal structure in language. 20

3. Answer any two of the following in about 250 words each :
- (a) Explain Locke's notion of ideas. 10
 - (b) How do philosophers understand emotions? What is Antonio Damasio's take on the significance of emotions? 10
 - (c) How does Gilbert Ryle approach the problem of memory in the light of the mind-body debate? Discuss. 10
 - (d) Explain the platonic stand on the survival of mind. 10
4. Answer any four of the following in about 150 words each :
- (a) What is the significance of dream in Islam? 5
 - (b) Briefly discuss the Indian theory of meaning (vakyarthavada). 5
 - (c) What do you understand by the intentional feature of mind and language? 5
 - (d) What is the scope of philosophy of mind? 5
 - (e) Discuss volition as adaptive decision making. 5
 - (f) What do you understand by strong artificial intelligence? 5
5. Write short notes on any five of the following in about 100 words each :
- (a) Problem of other minds 4
 - (b) Intentionality 4
 - (c) Emergentism 4
 - (d) Category error 4
 - (e) Qualia 4
 - (f) Physicalism 4
 - (g) Hylomorphism 4
 - (h) Innate structure of language. 4
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