

M.A. PHILOSOPHY (MAPY)

Term-End Examination

June, 2019

MPYE-008 : METAPHYSICS

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

- 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. Define metaphysics and explain in detail the scope of metaphysics. 20
- OR**
- Explain in detail the characteristics of essence. 20
2. Bring out the ontology of relation as a metaphysical category. 20
- OR**
- Give a detailed exposition of Being as Agape. 20
3. Answer any two of the following in about 250 words each : 2x10=20
- (a) Examine the concept of Being as beautiful and shed light on the problem of ugliness. 10
- (b) Discuss in detail the characteristics of extrinsic causes. 10
- (c) Explain in detail the concept of prime matter. 10
- (d) Critically compare the metaphysical systems of Sankara, Ramanuja and Madhva. 10

4. Answer **any four** of the following in about 150 words each : 4x5=20
- (a) Mention the major metaphysical notions discussed in the Upaniṣads. 5
- (b) What do you understand by the statement 'Possibility is objective potency' ? 5
- (c) 'Being is neither univocal nor equivocal but analogous'. Briefly comment. 5
- (d) What do you understand by the notion of particularity ? 5
- (e) Briefly discuss the notion 'Being is Bliss'. 5
- (f) Give a brief account of Aristotle's contributions to metaphysics. 5
5. Write short notes on **any five** of the following in about 100 words each : 5x4=20
- (a) Being as Tad Ekam. 4
- (b) Potency and Change. 4
- (c) Vivartavada. 4
- (d) Principle of distinction. 4
- (e) Efficient cause. 4
- (f) Primary and Secondary substance. 4
- (g) Principle of contradiction. 4
- (h) Metaphysics of Krishnachandra Bhattacharya. 4
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