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M.A. PHILOSOPHY
Term-End Examination
December, 2011

MPY-001 : INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

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. Analyse the philosophical debate on the identity of Atman and Brahman in advaita and visishtadvaita. 20

OR

- Discuss the cause of suffering and its removal as found in Buddhist philosophy. 20

2. Explain in detail the nature and scope, of pratyaksa in Indian Epistemology. 20

OR

- Evaluate the contribution of Swami Vivekananda to modern Indian thought. 20

3. Write *any two* of the following in about **250** words each :

- (a) How does Ambedkar justify Dalit conversion to Buddhism ? Discuss. 10
- (b) Explain the integral vedanta of Sri Aurobindo. 10
- (c) Discuss the 'Jiva-Ajiva' distinction and categorization in Jaina system. 10
- (d) Describe the understanding of *Aram* as righteous living in Tirukkural. 10

4. Answer *any four* of the following in about **150** words each.

- (a) Explain the Three gems (triratna) of Jaina philosophy. 5
- (b) What is Varnashrama dharma ? 5
- (c) What are the eight limbs of yoga ? 5
- (d) Distinguish between Sruti and Smriti literature. 5
- (e) What do you understand by Visistadvaita ? 5
- (f) Explain the concept of moksha in Advaita Vedanta. 5

5. Write short notes on *any five* of the following in about **100** words each.

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| (a) Theory of momentariness | 4 |
| (b) Samadhi | 4 |
| (c) Maya | 4 |
| (d) Purusa and prakriti | 4 |
| (e) Nishkama Karma | 4 |
| (f) Meaning of Upanishad | 4 |
| (g) Vira Saivism | 4 |
| (h) Bhakti | 4 |
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