

M.A. PHILOSOPHY (MAPY)

Term-End Examination

December, 2013

**MPYE-009 : PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE AND
COSMOLOGY**

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

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- Note :**
- (i) *Answer all questions.*
 - (ii) *All questions carry equal marks.*
 - (iii) *Answers to questions No.1 and 2 should be in about 500 words each.*
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1. Elaborate the relationship between philosophy of science and metaphysics. 20

OR

Explain the main principles of the theory of relativity and give some of its philosophical implications. 20

2. Write an essay on the Indian Cosmology. 20

OR

Give the philosophical significance of the expanding universe. 20

3. Answer **any two** of the following in about **250 words** each :
- (a) Explain briefly on the Arab contribution to science. 10
 - (b) What is dark matter and dark energy ? Explain. 10
 - (c) Explain how science and values are related. 10
 - (d) Write a note on the cause-effect relationship. 10
4. Answer **any four** of the following in about **150 words** each :
- (a) Explain the problem of inductive reasoning. 5
 - (b) Is Quantum Mechanics practical ? 5
 - (c) Describe the Big-Bang theory. 5
 - (d) What do you understand by the uncertainty principle ? 5
 - (e) What is the relation between faith and reason ? 5
 - (f) Describe some of the important discoveries of Shapley. 5
5. Write short notes on **any five** of the following in about **100 words** each :
- (a) Heat Death 4
 - (b) Hubble Constant 4
 - (c) Falsification 4
 - (d) Naturalism 4
 - (e) Space-time Curve 4
 - (f) Incommensurability 4
 - (g) Probabilistic Explanation 4
 - (h) Theory laden-ness of observation. 4