

M.A. PHILOSOPHY (MAPY)

Term-End Examination

December, 2012

MPYE-014 : PHILOSOPHY OF MIND

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

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- Note :** (i) *Answer all the 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. Explain animal consciousness. Describe various arguments proposed for and against animal consciousness. 20

OR

Is mind-body problem a category mistake? Write a detailed essay about the contemporary debate on mind-body problem. 20

2. Define perception. Explain in detail the Indian philosophical positions on mind and perception. 20

OR

What is the meaning of 'understanding'? Explain John Locke's concepts on ideas and understanding. **20**

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

(a) Expound the cartesian idea about body and mind. How do they interact? **10**

(b) What do you understand by the Survival of Mind? Discuss some important theories on Survival of Mind. **10**

(c) Explain Machine Functionalism on a computational view of mind. **10**

(d) What is the importance of memory in Hume's theory of knowledge? Explain his ideas on memory. **10**

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

(a) What do you understand by bodily continuity? **5**

(b) Describe the problem of other minds. **5**

(c) Is materialism a pre-requisite for the philosophy of mind? **5**

- (d) What is reductionism ? 5
- (e) What is the mimasa theory of meaning.
(Vakyarthavada) 5
- (f) Explain Aristotle's idea about mind. 5

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

- (a) Volition 4
- (b) Unconscious mind 4
- (c) Chetana (intelligence) 4
- (d) Prophetic Dreams 4
- (e) Brain and the mind 4
- (f) Apohavada 4
- (g) Eliminativism 4
- (h) Astral body 4
