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M.A. PHILOSOPHY
Term-End Examination
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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) *Answer to question No.1 and 2 should be in about 400 words each.*
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1. Critically evaluate Carvaka epistemology and Metaphysics. 20

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- Explain the theory of evolution according to the Samkhya school of thought. 20

2. Critically examine the concept of Brahman in Advaita and Vis'istādvait schools of Vedānta. 20

OR

- Explain in detail the four noble truths of Buddhist philosophy. What is the cause of suffering and what are the means to its cessation ? Discuss in the light of four noble truths of Buddhist Philosophy. 20

3. Answer *any two* of the following in about 200 words each.
- (a) Explain Sabda pramana (Verbal Testimony) and Upamana (Comparison) according to Nyaya philosophy. 10
- (b) Describe the concept of abhava (non-existence) according to vaisheshika philosophy. 10
- (c) Critically evaluate the theory of Syadvāda. 10
- (d) Describe the Aṣṭāṅgika Mārg of yoga philosophy. 10
4. Answer *any four* of the following in about 150 words each.
- (a) Enumerate the different categories in Prabhakara Mimamsa. Briefly describe the mīmāṃsā understanding of arthāpatti (postulation). 5
- (b) What is the central teaching of the Bhāgavat Gītā? 5
- (c) Briefly discuss the integral vedānta of Aurobindo. 5
- (d) Briefly explain Triratna in Jaina ethics. 5
- (e) Explain the concept of absolute (Brahman) according to Radhakrishnan. 5
- (f) What is Sūnyāvādā according to Nāgārjuna? 5

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

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| (a) Bhakti | 4 |
| (b) Karmayoga | 4 |
| (c) Perception (Pratyaksa) | 4 |
| (d) Satkāryavāda | 4 |
| (e) Avatāra | 4 |
| (f) Ćārvāka views on religion. | 4 |
| (g) Dharma in mīmāmsā | 4 |
| (h) Prakriti | 4 |
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