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BACHELORS DEGREE PROGRAMME

Term-End Examination

June, 2010

ELECTIVE COURSE : PHILOSOPHY

BPY-001 : INDIAN PHILOSOPHY : PART - I

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 300 words each.*

1. Describe the main characteristics of Indian philosophy. 20

OR

Explain in brief the philosophy of the early vedic literature. 20

2. Briefly explain Jain epistemology. 20

OR

Describe the Madhyamika school of Buddhism. 20

3. Answer *any two* of the following questions in about 200 words each :
- (a) How did the Upanisads establish the identity of Brahman and Atman ? 10
 - (b) Briefly describe some of the attributes of Brahman found in Chandogya Upanishad. 10
 - (c) Narrate briefly the understanding of life from Neciketas' story. 10
 - (d) Explain the four states of consciousness in Mandukya Upanisad. 10
4. Answer *any four* of the following questions in about 150 words each :
- (a) Explain the meaning and classification of vedas. 5
 - (b) Describe the difference between Vidya and Avidya in Isa Upanisad. 5
 - (c) What do you understand by Agnihotra Ritual ? 5
 - (d) How do you interpret "illusion" in carvaka ? 5
 - (e) Distinguish between Henotheism and Monotheism. 5
 - (f) Explain the meaning AUM in Prasana Upanisad. 5

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

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| (a) Darsana | 4 |
| (b) Dharma | 4 |
| (c) Moksa | 4 |
| (d) Smriti and Sruti | 4 |
| (e) Tatvamasi | 4 |
| (f) Pramanas | 4 |
| (g) Nirvana | 4 |
| (h) Sat-cit-ananda | 4 |
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