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M.A.

4th Semester Examination

PHILOSOPHY

PAPER—PHI-402&406

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 Hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

(*Advaita Vedānta*)

(Paper – PHI-402)

Answer any *two* questions from Group—A and *one* question from Group—B.

Group—A

1. Explain and examine the Advaita definition of *pramā* as depicted in Vedānta – Paribhāṣā .   16

2. (a) What is *antaḥkaraṇavṛtti*? Explain with example. 4

   (b) Explain the controversy between the *Naiyāyikas* and the Advaitins with regard to *antaḥkaraṇa* as a sense-organ.   12

B = {Henry, Merry}.

(b) What is a binary relation ? Answer with examples.

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3. (a) What is meant by *svarūpa lakṣaṇa* and what is meant by *tatastha lakṣaṇa* ? Explain with examples.

(b) Explain *svarūpa lakṣaṇa* and *tatastha lakṣaṇa* of Brahmana after Vedānta Paribhāṣā .   4+12

4. (a) Explain the creation of *liṅgas'arīra* in course of the manifestation of the world.

(b) Explain the *nitya pralaya* and *naimittika pralaya* after the Vedānta Paribhāṣā .   6+10

Group—B

5. Give a critical exposition of the criterion of *jñānagata pratyakṣatva* , according to Vedānta Paribhāṣā .   8

6. Explain the Advaita theory of *Nirvikalpaka pratyakṣa* after Vedānta Paribhāṣā .   8

7. Answer in short any *two* of the following :   2×4

(a) (i) What is *vyāvahārika – tattvāvedakatva* ?

(ii) Which portion of our body is the seat of vyāna ?

(b) What are the four gross bodies ?

(c) What is *prakaraṇa grantha* ?

(d) Explain any two types of *sannikarṣas* with examples.

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(c) Define with examples and with symbolic notations, irretlexivity, symmetry, and antisymmetry properties of binary relation. 3×4

4. Discuss the main argument of A. N. Prior's article 'The Run-About Inference Ticket' in your own words.

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Group—B

5. (a) Are the following assumptions mutually consistent?

Some Americans are virtuous.

No virtuous people steal from the poor.

Some Americans steal from the poor. 4

(b) Test the validity of the following argument by Venn diagram. State in terms of regions of the diagram why the argument is valid or invalid.

All witnesses are prejudiced.

Some witnesses are not liars.

Therefore, some liars are not prejudiced. 4

6. (a) What is illustrative symbol? Explain. 5

(b) Explain with examples the concept of Substitution instance of a sentence frame. 3

7. Answer the following questions with reference to Pranab Kumar Sen's view :

    (a) What is sentence frame ? How many sentences can be obtained from a sentence frame?   2+2

    (b) What is non-linguistic version of sentences ?   4

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