

**2016**

**M.Phil.**

**1st Semester Examination**

**PHILOSOPHY**

**PAPER—PHI-112**

*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.*

*Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.*

**( Unit—I )**

Answer any two questions of the following : 2×10

1. Discuss Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika concept of *Tarka* following Vātsāyana . 10

2. Answer the following from Nyāyasūtra-Vātsāyanabhāṣya :

(a) What is *Sādhana* ?

(b) What is *Upālambha* ?

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- (c) What is *Kālavikalpa* ?
- (d) Analyze how *Arthābadhārāṇa* or *Nirṇaya* is possible. 2+2+2+4
3. Discuss Mahārṣi Gautama's concept of *Vāda* as one of the essential ingredients of *Kathāprakaraṇa*. 10
4. (a) Discuss Gautama's concept of *Jalpa*.
- (b) Discriminate in this regard *Vāda* from *Jalpa*. 5+5

( Unit—II )

Answer *any two* questions of the following : 2×10

4. (a) What is scepticism ?
- (b) What is philosophical scepticism ? Briefly explain and examine. 3+7
5. (a) What is socratic method ?
- (b) Is it possible to give a single definition of this method ? Give reasons for your answer. 3+7
6. Critically explain the variability principle after logical positivism. 10