

**2017**

**M. Phil.**

**2nd Semester Examination**

**PHILOSOPHY**

**PAPER — PHI-121**

*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.*

Answer any *two* from Unit-I

and any *two* from Unit-II

**Unit - I**

1. (a) What is meant by the term 'spiritual' according to Daya Krishna ? 2
- (b) How do the Naiyāyikas come closer to the classic position of materialism according to Daya Krishna ? 3

- (c) The Mimāṃsakas and the two major schools of Vedānta those of Rāmānuja and Mādhva accept the ontic reality of matter' — What are the reasons for claiming this view by Daya Krishna? 5
2. (a) What is meant by the acceptance of the Vedas as an authoritative basis for one's philosophical system? 2
- (b) How do the Vedas 'enjoy only a very circumscribed authority' in the schools of Mīmāṃsā and Vedānta. 3+3
- (c) What are the other texts which may occupy more important authority than the Vedas, in the context of philosophical discussion? Give reasons for your answer following Daya Krishna. 1+1
3. (a) Explain the view of Daya Krishna regarding the spiritual salvation (*moksa*) on the one hand and *dharma*, *artha*, *Kāma* on the other. 5
- (b) What is the opinion of Daya Krishna for the authority of Is'var kṛṣṇa's *Sāṃkhya-kārikā* ? 2
- (c) Explain the conclusion drawn by Daya Krishna in his essay "Three Myths about Indian Philosophy". 3

**Unit - II**

4. (a) How do the Indian Philosophers deal with the problem of psychologism? Answer after J. N. Mohanty.
- (b) What are the three claims made by a pramāna theory according to J. N. Mohanty? 7+3
5. Critically analyse different agenda for comparative philosophy as explained by J. N. Mohanty in his article "What the East and the west can learn from each other in Philosophy". 10
6. (a) What, according to J. N. Mohanty, are the conceptual barriers between Indian and Western Philosophy? 5
- (b) What does Mohanty understand by the term "Comparative Philosophy"? 5
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