

2010

M.A.

4th Semester Examination

PHILOSOPHY

PAPER—PHI-2201

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 Vedanta]

Answer two questions from Group—A
and one question from Group—B

Group—A

1. (a) State the *lakṣaṇa* of *adhyāsa* as framed by Śaṅkara. 2
(b) Bring out the significance of each of the words occurring in the *lakṣaṇa*. 14.
2. (a) What is the primary meaning of the Brahmasūtra, '*athāto brahmajijñāsā*'?
(b) Explain, after Śaṅkara, the exact meaning of the word '*atha*' occurring in the above *sūtra*. 4+12

3. Discuss Śaṅkara's refutation of Sāṅkhya argument, 'samarvayāt' in favour of *pradhānakaranavāda* in his commentary on the Brahmasūtra, 'racanānupatteśca nānumānam'. 16

4. 'tasmāt pradhānasya puruṣārthā prāvṛttiḥ iti etat ayuktam,

Explain how does Śaṅkara arrive at the above conclusion in his commentary on the Brahmasūtra, *abhyupagame api arthabhavat*. 16

Group—B

5. Distinguish between *dharmajijñāsā* and *brahmajijñāsā*. 8
6. Why does Brahmasūtrakāra refute the opponents' views in the Tarkapāda? Answer after the commentary of Śaṅkara. 8
7. Comment, after Śaṅkara, The Brahmasūtra, *Vyatirekānavasthiteśca - anapekṣatvat*. 8