MA Sem-I Examination, 2023
Subject: Philosophy
Paper / Course: MAPHILCP102 (Western Metaphysics)

Time: 3 hours Full Marks: 60

Answer *any four* questions.

1. Explain the perdurantists' view that any collection of arbitrarily selected temporal parts constitutes an object. 15

2. What is the problem of transworld individual related to the idea of possible world? How does Lewis try to solve the problem? Explain. 4+11

3. Critically explain Princes Elizabeth's argument against substance dualism. How does the contemporary substance dualist respond to this argument? Discuss. 10+5

4. Distinguish between materialism and physicalism. Give an account of any materialist / physicalist theory regarding the relation between mind and body. 4+11

5. How would you distinguish between an event and an agent? Explain the idea of a basic action performed by an agent. 3+12

6. Explain the top-down andthe bottom-up views of space. 15

M.A. Examination, 2023
Semester I
PHILOSOPHY
Course: MAPHILCP-101
Metaphysics (Indian)

Time: 3 Hours **Full Marks: 60**

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin

Answer **any four** questions.

1. Bring out the Philosophical significance of '*Athāto Brahmajijñāsā*' following Śaṅkara's commentary on the *Brahmasūtra.* 15

2. How does *Dṛg-Dṛśya-Viveka* argue for the existence of an unchanging Self in addition to the body and mind in a human being? What is the basis of treating the waking state *(jāgrata avasthā)* as unreal according to the text? Explain. 7.5+7.5=15

3. Critically explain the *Paramaṇuvāda* following Vaiśeṣika Philosophy. 15

4. Give an account of the *satkāryavāda* of Sāṅkhya Philosophy. What are the objections raised by the Naiyāikas against Sāṅkhya's theory of causation and how do Sāṅkhya's reply to them? Explain. 8+7=15

5. Critically examine the Buddhist theory of *Anātmavāda* (no-self). 15

6. Briefly discuss the nature of self and its relation to the body as expounded by the Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika school of Indian Philosophy. 15

M.A. Semester-I Examination 2023

Philosophy

Course: [MAPHILCP103] Epistemology (Indian)

Time: 3 hours **Full Marks: 60**

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin.
Answer *any four* questions.

1. What is the utility of *Brahmajñāna* according to the Vedānta Paribhāṣā? How can the knowledge of sense-objects be valid since *Brahmajñāna* contradicts it? Does the *lakṣana* of *pramā* given by the Vedāntins commit the fallacy of *avyāptidoṣa* in respect of *dhārāvāhika pratyakṣa*? Answer following Dharmarāja Adhvarindra. 5+5+5=15

2. Explain *jñānagata pratyakṣa* according to Vedānta Paribhāṣā. Can cognition of pleasure and pain come under the purview of *jñānagata pratyakṣa*? Answer following Vedānta Paribhāṣā. 10+5=15

3. Explain *viṣayagata pratyakṣa* according to Vedānta Paribhāṣā. Explain the meaning of *'pramātṛabhedo'* in this context. 10+5=15

4. State and explain the *laksaṇa* of *anumiti* as stated in Vedānta Paribhāṣā. How do the Vedantins refute the Naiyayikas concept of *liṅgaparamarśa*? Answer following Dharmarāja Adhvarindra. 10+5=15

5. Give an account of the *upamāna pramāṇa* as described by the AdvaitaVedāntins. How do they differ from the Naiyayikas in this regard? Do you think that *upamāna* can be subsumed within *anumāna pramāṇa*? Give reasons for your answer. 6+6+3=15

6. Briefly explain the four conditions that a sentence should fulfill in order to become a valid source of knowledge. How do the Vedāntins employ '*balābāladhikaraṇa*' to explain the notion of expectancy? Explain following Vedānta Paribhāṣā. 8+7=15

MA Sem-I Examination, 2023

Subject: Philosophy

Paper / Course: MAPHILCP104– Knowledge and Its Metaphysic

Regular and Back

Time: 3 hours Full Marks: 60

Answer *any four* questions.

1. Can a person be justified in believing a false proposition? Give reasons in support of your answer. 15

2. Give an account of the belief independent reliable process following Goldman. 15

3. How does Quine show that the notion of analyticity cannot be satisfactorily explained in terms of the notion of synonymy? Discuss. 15

4. What, according to Quine, is the second dogma of empiricism? How does he criticize the second dogma? Discuss. 2+13

5. Elucidate Kant's criticism against the traditional metaphysics. 15

6. Explain in brief Kant's theory of sensibility. 15