M.A. Examination 2024

Semester - I

Philosophy

Paper –MAPHILCP101

Metaphysics (Indian)

For Regular and Back

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

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

1. State and evaluate the arguments presented by Buddhist philosophers to support the theory of no-self. 15

2. Analyze how the concept of time is understood in Nyāya and Buddhist philosophy. 15

3. Elucidate the nature of God following the Nyāya tradition. In this connection, critically evaluate the inference given by Nyāya philosophers to prove the existence of God. 5+10=15

4. Describe the nature of the self according to Nyāya philosophy. Explain how the Naiyāyikas prove the existence of the self. 8+7=15

5. Outline the discussion among various Indian philosophical schools regarding the nature of material cause. 15

6. Explain the Vedāntic theory of *vivartavāda*. What are the key reasons behind the *Vedāntin*s' rejection of the Sāṃkhya theory of causality? 9+6=15

M.A. Examination-2024

Philosophy

Semestar-I Paper: [MAPHILCP103] Indian Epistemology

Time: 3 Hours Full Marks: 60

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin.

Answer any four questions from the following.

1. Elucidate the lakṣaṇa of *pramā* as stated in Vedānta Paribhāṣā? Describe the importance of *Brahmajñāna* in the scheme of *puruṣārtha*-s? How does Dharmarāja Adhvarīndra respond to the objection that in case of *dhāravāhika buddhi* the knowledge of subsequent moments suffer from *avyāptidoṣa*? Explain. 5+5+5=15
2. Explain *Jñānagata pratyakṣa* according to Vedānta Paribhāṣā. Can recollection of *sukha*, *duḥkha*, or present cognition of *dharma*, *adharma* come under the purview of *Jñānagata pratyakṣa*? Explain after Dharmarāja Adhvarīndra. 9+6=15
3. Explain the *lakṣaṇa* of *upamiti jñāna* according to Vedānta Paribhāṣā. Can *upamāna pramāṇa* be a distinct *pramāṇa*? Explain after Dharmarāja Adhvarīndra. 6+9=15
4. Elaborate the *lakṣaṇa* of *anumiti* as stated in Vedānta Paribhāṣā. Can *anumiti jñāna* be considered as *smṛti jñāna*? Answer following Dharmarāja Adhvarīndra. 10+5=15
5. Explain the *lakṣaṇa* of *vyāpti* as stated in Vedānta Paribhāṣā. How does Dharmarāja Adhvarīndra refute the Nyāya threefold division of *anumāna* based on *vyāptiniścaya*? Answer in brief. 6+9=15
6. What is expectancy (*ākāṁkṣā*)? How do you distinguish between two kinds of meanings (*artha*) of a word (*pada*)? Where does the significance of word lie, in *jāti* or in *vyakti*? Answer following Dharmarāja Adhvarīndra. 7+4+4=15

M. A. Philosophy Examination, 2024
Semester – I
Paper: Knowledge and its Metaphysic (Western)

Time: 3 Hours | MAPHIL CP104 | Full Marks: 60

Questions are of equal value or as indicated in the margin

Answer any 4 questions

1. Can a true proposition be derived from false premise(s)? Explain how Gettier's argument depends on this understanding. 5+10
2. State the basic content of foundationalism. What is epistemic ascent? Explain in the same context. 7 + 8
3. State and explain Goldman's theory of reliabilism. What is the main point of distinction between reliabilism and foundationalism? 12+3
4. When we think of the union of 7 and 5, are we not thinking of 12? Discuss, after Kant. 15
5. How does Kant show that space and time are neither concepts nor empirical? Discuss. 15
6. Explain why Kant rejects both the theses that space and time are real existences and determinations or relations of things. 15

MA Sem-I Examination, 2024
Subject: Philosophy
Paper / Course: MAPHILCP102: Metaphysics (Western)

Time: 3 hours | Full Marks: 60

Answer *any four* questions.

1. How does the perdurantist argue that the endurantist's position contradicts the principle of identity of indiscernibles? How does the endurantist respond to the perdurantist's argument by introducing the notion of time indexed property? Explain. 7+8

2. How do the empiricist philosophers try to show that statements involving modal notions do not say anything about the world and that modal notions have no serious place in philosophy? Explain. 15

3. What are the grounds for holding that a mind being fundamentally different from a material body is a non-physical or non-material substance? Discuss. 15

4. Critically explain the view that mental states are identical with physical states of the brain. 15

5. Give an account of Humean analysis of event causation. 15

6. Explain Newton's argument to prove that there is absolute space. 15