PG Odd Semester Examination, 2022

PHILOSOPHY

(1st Semester)

Course No.: PHICC-501

[Metaphysics (Indian)]

Full Marks: 70

Pass Marks: 28

Time: 3 hours

The figures in the right margin indicate full marks for the question.

Answer any five questions, taking one from each unit.

UNIT-I

1. What is the literal meaning of Upanisad? Expound the transcendental nature of Atman as stated in the Chhandogya, the Maṇḍukya and the Kaṭha Upanisads. 2+12

2. Does Carvaka admit any eternal self? Make a critique of Carvaka's metaphysical position. 2+12

UNIT-II

3. How many categories are admitted by the Vaishesika? Discuss in detail any four categories. 2+12

4. Does Jainism deny the existence of God? Can it be considered a Nastika system? Explain and suplicate the Jaina doctrine of Relativism (Anekāntavada). 2+2+10

UNIT-III

5. What is the rool-cause of the world of objects, according to Saṁkhya? Show how does Saṁkhya justify the co-existence of two Eternal Realities? Give a brief account of them. 2+2+10

6. What is the central chain of the doctrine of Bhava-Chakra or Dharma-Chakra? Discuss how does it influence the metaphysical position of Buddhism. 4+10

UNIT-IV

7. Can self be identical with Brahman? How can it be known? Discuss in this connection Sankara's concept of Atman. 2+2+10

8. (a) 'Brahma Satyam jagat mithya jivo brahmaiva naparah'— Explain briefly Sankara's account of Maya in the light of the above statement. 7+7

   (b) Critically examine Ramanuja's modification of the Advaita theory of Maya.

UNIT-V

9. Does the effect pre-exist in the cause? Discuss with special reference to Samkhya and Nyaya. 14

10. Write brief notes on the following theories of cauality. 7+7

    (i) Pratitya Samutpada

    (ii) Vivartavada

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