

M. A. IN PHILOSOPHY (MAPY)

Term-End Examination

December, 2024

MPYE–008 : METAPHYSICS

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : Answer all the *five* questions. All questions carry equal marks. Answer to Question Nos. 1 and 2 should be in about **500** words each.

1. Why is the concept of 'Being' studied under the purview of metaphysics ? Critically discuss. 20

Or

In what respect does “the development of quantum physics marked the beginning of the age of the ‘new physics’ radically altering the physicist’s conceptions of reality” ? Critically discuss. 20

2. Present a detailed account of Sāṃkhya and Advaita Vedānta theory of causation. Which one of them do you find philosophically more

consistent ? Give reasons and justifications for your answer. 20

Or

Compare and contrast Henri Bergson's theory of 'perpetual becoming' with Buddhist idea of momentariness. 20

3. Answer any *two* of the following questions in about **250** words each :

(a) Discuss the notions of primary and secondary qualities. 10

(b) Present a critical exposition of 'Being as beautiful'. 10

(c) Compare and contrast Rāmānuja's views on the ultimate being with that of Madhva. 10

(d) Discuss the idea of hylomorphism as presented by Aristotle. 10

4. Answer any *four* of the following questions about **150** words each :

(a) Present a brief account of meaning of essence in accordance with Edmund Husserl. 5

(b) Present an account of metaphysical conceptions of 'act' and 'potency'. 5

- (c) What are the main issues pertaining to the Ontology of relation ? Discuss. 5
- (d) Discuss the difference between the idea of 'formal cause' and 'material cause'. 5
- (e) Discuss the notion of *tad ekam* as presented in Rigveda. 5
- (f) Discuss the notion of Being as absolute. 5
5. Write short notes on any *five* of the following in about **100** words each :
- (a) Substance 4
- (b) K. C. Bhattacharya's views on Metaphysics 4
- (c) Prime matter as a principle of imperfect individuation 4
- (d) Asatkāryavāda 4
- (e) Difference between intrinsic and extrinsic cause 4
- (f) Notion of Sāmānya 4
- (g) Notion of Abhāva 4
- (h) Problem of freewill 4

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