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MPYE-008

M. A. IN PHILOSOPHY (MAPY)

Term-End Examination

June, 2025

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 are to be written in about **500** words each.

1. Explain and examine Aristotelian understanding of categories. 20

Or

Examine and evaluate the early perspectives on the problem of 'one and many' (Indian and western). 20

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2. Elaborate the notion of Brahman and Māyā as discussed in Śankara's Advaita philosophy. 20

Or

Write an essay on the idea of Padārtha (categories) as presented in Nyaya-Vaiśeṣika school. 20

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

(a) Explain and examine the concept of 'Being as one in many'. 10

(b) Elaborate on the principles of 'non-contradiction' and 'excluded middle'. 10

(c) Elaborate K.C. Bhattacharya's views on Metaphysics. 10

(d) Examine the concepts of matter and form from classical perspectives. 10

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

(a) Discuss the main metaphysical issues in the context of 'Ontology of relations'. 5

- (b) Write a brief note on how metaphysics of the orthodox systems differ from that of the heterodox systems. 5
- (c) What is truth ? Write the main kinds of truth. 5
- (d) Discuss the meaning of essence according to Husserl. 5
- (e) Explain potency and actuality in the context of metaphysics. 5
- (f) Examine the concept of relation. Bring out different kinds of relations. 5
- 5. Write short notes on any *five* of the following in about **100** words each :
 - (a) Kinds of substance 4
 - (b) Essence as principle of limitation 4
 - (c) Beings as Appearance of Being 4
 - (d) Sri Aurobindo 4
 - (e) Yoga 4
 - (f) Augustine 4
 - (g) Principle of Indescribability (Śūnya) 4
 - (h) Problem of freewill 4

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