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M.A. 1st Semester Examination

PHILOSOPHY

Paper : PHIC404X0

(Indian Epistemology)

Full Marks : 50

Time : Two Hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

*Candidates are required to give their answers
in their own words as far as practicable.*

Group - A

Answer any *two* questions : 10×2=20

1. Discuss in detail the role of *viśeṣanātā sannikarṣa* in the context of *abhāva pratyakṣa*.
2. State after Vedāntaparibhāṣā the debate between Advaita and Nyāya philosophy whether *antaḥkaraṇa* is a sense organ.
3. Critically examine *Svataḥprāmāṇyavāda* as upheld by the Mīmāṃsā and Advaita Vedānta schools. How do they defend the self-validity of knowledge? 7+3

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4. Explain and evaluate the Naiyāyika theory of *Anyathākhyāti*. How does it differ from *Ātmākhyāti* and *Akhyāti* in explaining perceptual error? 5+5

Group - B

Answer any *four* questions : 5×4=20

5. State the definition of *pramā* and its meaning following Vedāntaparibhāṣā. State the importance of the term *avādhita* within the definition. 3+2
6. Write a short note on *karana* following Prācīna - nyāya and Navya - nyāya *darśana*. 5
7. State the definition of *pratyakṣa* following Bhāṣāpariccheda. In this context discuss the importance of the expression "*jadyapi manorūpa indriyajanyam sarvameva jñānam*". 1+4
8. What is meant by *Paratahprāmāṇyavāda*? 5
9. What does *Asatkhyāti* assert about the object of illusion? 5
10. Why is an illusory object neither real nor unreal in Advaita Vedānta? Briefly explain. 5

Internal Assessment : 10 marks
