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M.A. PHILOSOPHY (MAPY)

Term-End Examination

December, 2012

MPYE-008 : METAPHYSICS

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

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- Note :** (i) *Answer all the five questions.*
(ii) *All questions carry equal marks.*
(iii) *Answers to questions 1 and 2 should be in about 500 words each.*
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1. Explain the etymology of metaphysics. Discuss the starting points of metaphysics according to different thinkers. **20**
- OR**
- Define the notion of being. Explain in detail the characteristics of being. **20**
2. What is the problem of one and many ? Write an essay on 'being as one in many'. **20**
- OR**
- Explain in detail the Vaiseshika Metaphysics of categories. **20**
3. Answer *any two* of the following in about **250 words** each.
- (a) Explain Prime Matter. How do you look at prime matter as the Imperfect Individuation ? **10**

- (b) Explain the relation between act and potency. 10
- (c) Elaborate the Epistemology of relation. 10
- (d) Explain being as distinct from beings. 10
4. Answer *any four* of the following in about **150 words** each :
- (a) What do you know about the Buddhist theory of Pratityasamutpata (dependent origination) ? 5
- (b) What is the principle of non-contradiction ? 5
- (c) Describe the Nyaya-Vaisesika theory of Asatkaryavada. 5
- (d) Explain briefly the problem of evil. 5
- (e) What is the meaning of maya ? 5
- (f) Describe briefly the metaphysics of Muhammad Iqbal. 5
5. Write short notes on *any five* of the following in about **100 words** each :
- (a) Kshanika vada 4
- (b) Saivism 4
- (c) Gnosticism 4
- (d) Effect 4
- (e) Karma 4
- (f) Distinction 4
- (g) Condition 4
- (h) Negation (abhava) 4