

M.A. PHILOSOPHY (MAPY)

Term-End Examination

June, 2014

MPYE-008 : METAPHYSICS

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

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- Note :** (i) Answer *all five* questions.  
(ii) All questions carry *equal* marks.  
(iii) Answers to question **No. 1** and **2** should be in about **500 words** each.
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1. Write an essay on different notions of the Absolute. 20

OR

Explain the essential nature of cause. Discuss the different types of intrinsic and extrinsic causes in detail. 20

2. Define Metaphysics. Explain its scope. 20

OR

Clarify the terms 'being' and 'essence'. Explain the general characteristics of 'essence'. 20

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

- (a) Explain 'Being as good' and the 'Problem of evil' in detail. 10
- (b) What do you understand by the analogical use of the term 'being' ? 10

- (c) Explain the characteristics of Beauty. 10
- (d) Elucidate the concepts of 'prime matter'. 10
4. Answer **any four** of the following in about 150 words each.
- (a) Write a short note on the categories according to Aristotle. 5
- (b) What is the problem of falsity ? 5
- (c) What do you understand by the law of sufficient reason ? 5
- (d) Explain being as 'Tad Ekam'. 5
- (e) Discuss "Question as the starting point of metaphysics". 5
- (f) What are the characteristics of substance ? 5
5. Write short notes on **any five** of the following in about 100 words each :
- (a) Dravya 4
- (b) Gnosticism 4
- (c) Arthakriya-samvad 4
- (d) Passive potency 4
- (e) Inherence as a characteristic of accident 4
- (f) Substantial form 4
- (g) Paramanu vada 4
- (h) Nirvikalpa and Savikalpa perception 4
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