

**M.A. PHILOSOPHY (MAPY)**

**Term-End Examination**

**December, 2016**

**MPYE-008 : METAPHYSICS**

*Time : 3 hours*

*Maximum Marks : 100*

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- Notes :** (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. Explain in detail the metaphysical categories according to the Vaiseshika school. 20

**OR**

Define being. Outline various characteristics of Being. 20

2. Define Cause. Explain all the extrinsic and intrinsic causes with proper examples. 20

**OR**

What do you understand by the absolute and relative ? Discuss various kinds and factors of relation. 20

3. Answer any two of the following in about 250 words each :
- (a) Contrast and explain the Vedanta theory of Vivarta Vada and the Sankhya theory of Parinama Vada. 10
- (b) What are the characteristics of beauty ? Explain. 10
- (c) Discuss the nature of prime matter in detail. 10
- (d) Explain the Nasādiya Sukta with special reference to being as Tad Ekam. 10
4. Answer any four of the following in about 150 words each :
- (a) What are the Three Qualities of Prakriti ? 5
- (b) What is the law of sufficient reason ? 5
- (c) Explain knowledge as possession of the known by the knower. 5
- (d) Differentiate cause and principle. 5
- (e) Clarify the concepts 'act' and 'potency'. 5
- (f) Is questioning the starting point of metaphysics ? 5
5. Write short notes on any five of the following in about 100 words each :
- (a) Maya 4
- (b) Problem of evil 4
- (c) Atmavidya 4
- (d) Substantial form 4
- (e) Principle of excluded middle. 4
- (f) Asatkarya vada 4
- (g) Principle of order (Rta) 4
- (h) Accidental being 4