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VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY
Question Paper

B.A. Honours Examinations 2021

(Under CBCS Pattern)

Semester - VI

Subject : PHILOSOPHY

Paper : DSE 3-T

Full Marks : 60

Time : 3 Hours

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

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

(An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding)

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Answer any **four** questions from the following :

4 × 15 = 60

1. How does Hume distinguish between true metaphysics and false metaphysics ? Does he reject metaphysics in every sense ?—Discuss. 10+5
2. Explain the three Principles of association recognized by Hume. Discuss their role in human understanding. 10+5
3. How does Hume distinguish between Propositions concerning 'Relations of ideas' and concerning 'Matters of fact' ? Will Hume admit the possibility of synthetic a priori proposition ? 10+5

4. Explain and examine Hume's doctrine of causality. 15
 5. Distinguish, after Hume, between impression and idea. Are all our ideas derived from impression?—Discuss 8+7
 6. Give a short account of Hume's view of Probability . 15
 7. What is 'Liberty'? How does Hume reconcile liberty with necessity?—Discuss. 5+10
 8. Give an account of Hume's view regarding animal reasoning and show its difference from human reasoning. 8+7
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Paper - DSE 3-T

(The Problems of Philosophy – Bertrand Russell)

Answer any *four* questions :

15 × 4 = 60

1. Discuss, after Russell, the distinction between appearance and reality. 15
 2. Discuss the nature of matter following Russell. 15
 3. What is the meaning of 'Esse est percipi'? How does Russell refute Berkeley's Idealism? 5+10
 4. What is the problem of a priori knowledge ? How does Kant solve this problem? 5+10
 5. Explain Russell's theory of universal. 15
 6. Explain the different types of a priori knowledge, following Russell. 15
 7. What do you mean by knowledge by acquaintance ? Explain, after Russell, the different aspects of knowledge by acquaintance ? 3+12
 8. Explain Russell's version of the theory of correspondence regarding the nature of truth. 15
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Paper - DSE 3-T

(Vedantasara : Sadananda Yogindra Saraswati)

Answer any **four** questions :

4 × 15 = 60

1. Explain fully the *Svarūpalakṣaṇa* and *Tataṣṭhalakṣaṇa* of Brahman following the *Mangalācarana* or Vedantasara.
2. What are the characteristic features of *Jivanmukta* ? Discuss fully the state of *jivanmukta* after *Vedāntasāra*. 5+10
3. What is *Sūkṣmaśarīra* ? Discuss briefly the origin and functions of the different components of *Sūkṣmaśarīra*. 5+10
4. (a) Distinguish between *Nimitta kāraṇa* and *Upādāna kāraṇa*.
(b) Explain after *Vedāntasāra* how *Īśvara* can be regarded as both *Nimitta* and *Upādāna kāraṇa* of *jagat*. 7+8
5. Define *Ajñāna* and discuss the significance of each of the components of *Ajñāna*. 5+10
6. What is meant by *liṅga* ? Discuss the significance of six types of *liṅgas* with regard to the meaning of *Vedānta Vākya*.
7. What is *sādhana-catustaya* ? Explain, in detail, the concept of *sādhanacatuṣṭaya* after *Vedāntasāra*. 5+10
8. What is *anubandha* ? Explain four types of *anubandha*. 5+10

Paper - DSE 3-T
Śrīmadbhagavadgītā

Answer any **four** questions :

4 × 15 = 60

1. (a) What is 'Niṣkāma Karma' after the *Bhagavadgītā* ?
(b) Distinguish between 'Sakāma Karma' and 'Niṣkāma Karma'. 9+6
 2. (a) 'Svadharme nidhanam śeryaḥ paradharmo bhoyāvahaḥ'—Explain.
(b) Why is 'Svadharama' superior to 'Paradhama'? 8+7
 3. What is the difference between an enlightened (*Vidvān*) and unenlightened (*Avidvān*) person ? Answer the question according to the *Gītā* ?
 4. Why did Sri Krishna advise Arjuna to perform *Karmayoga*, though *Jñānayoga* is superior to *Karmayoga* according to Sri Krishna ?
 5. How did Sri Krishna explain "The Mystery of Creation" in '*Guṇatrāya-Vibhāga-Yoga*' in the *Bhagavadgītā* ?
 6. How have the nature of the three *Guṇas* been explained in the *Bhagavadgītā* ? Explain.
 7. How does three *Guṇas* bind the *Puruṣa* ? Discuss according to "*Guṇatrāya-Vibhāga-Yoga*" of the *Bhagavadgītā*.
 8. In "*Guntrāya-Vibhāga-Yoga*" Lord Sri Krishna gave three advices to Arjuna. Discuss those three advices in detail. 5+5+5
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