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ASSIGNMENT QUESTION PAPER FOR BACKLOG STUDENTS
(2017-2021 BATCH)

M.A. (PREVIOUS) Philosophy
ANSWER ANY FIVE QUESTIONS

PAPER -I: CLASSICAL INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

(20 Marks)

1. Discuss the nature, characteristics and development of Indian philosophy.
2. Expound the central teachings of Bhagavad gita.
3. Explain the Jaina doctrine of soul and liberation.
4. Expound the Buddhist doctrine of Pratiyasamutpadavada.
5. What are the sixteen logical categories of the Nyaya? Explain.
6. Explain the Atomic theory of the Vaisesika darshana.
7. Examine the Sankhya views on the evolution of prakriti.
8. Expound the Mimamsaka views on Dharmma and Karma.
9. Examine Sankara's conception of Maya.
10. How did Ramanuja explain on the relation between god, soul and word? Discuss.

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PAPER -II: WESTERN PHILOSOPHY

(20 Marks)

1. Elucidate Plato's doctrine of Ideas.
2. Examine Aristotle's views on Form and Matter.
3. Expound Descartes' Philosophical method.
4. Discuss Spinoza's doctrine of modes.
5. Elucidate Leibnitz's doctrine of monads.
6. What are innate ideas? Why did Locke refute them?
7. How did Kant reconcile between rationalism and empiricism? Explain.
8. Elucidate Kant's distinction between phenomena and Noumena.
9. What is the Absolute Idealism of Hegel? How does it differ from the subjective idealism of Berkeley?
10. Expound Hegel's philosophy of mind.

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PAPER -III: SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

(20 Marks)

1. Define Social philosophy and discuss its nature and scope.
2. Discuss the philosophical foundations of society.
3. Discuss the basic concepts and principles of democracy.
4. What are the grounds of "Political Obligation"? Discuss.
5. What is the difference between social change and social progress? Explain.
6. Do you consider the religious conversion is necessary? Substantiate your answer.
7. What are the fundamental rights, recognized by the Indian Constitution? Discuss.
8. How did Gandhiji explain the relation between religion and morality?
9. What are human rights? Why are they important?
10. Discuss the philosophical aspects of Marxism.

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PAPER -IV: INDIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE

(20 Marks)

1. Define culture and discuss its relation to civilization.
2. Discuss Varnsrama dharmas of Indian ethics.
3. Expound Sri Aurobindo's views on the foundations of Indian culture.
4. What are the misconceptions about Indian culture? Discuss from K.M. Phanikker's view point.
5. Discuss the cultural values in Mahabharata.
6. Describe the central teachings of Brahma Samaj.
7. What is the western impact on Indian culture? Explain.
8. What is Indo-Islamic culture? Explain.
9. Describe the classical Indian dance techniques described in the Natyasastra of Bharata Muni.
10. What is the place of "festivals" in Indian heritage and culture? Explain.

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PAPER -V: LOGIC AND SCIENTIFIC METHOD

(20 Marks)

1. What is the subject matter of Logic? Discuss.
2. Define Logic and discuss its relation to psychology and ethics.
3. Explain the classification of propositions in modern logic.
4. When do you say that the given two propositions are equivalent? What are the methods of getting equivalent propositions? Explain.
5. Discuss the essential characteristics of probable inference.
6. What is Paradox of inference? Explain.
7. How do you formulate hypothesis? How are Hypothesis verified and proved?
8. State and explain the methods of Experimental Inquiry.
9. Elucidate the distinction between svarthanumana and Pararthanumana. Discuss the several steps involved in Pararthanumana.
10. What are the sources of knowledge in western epistemology? Discuss.