M. A. IN PHILOSOPHY (MAPY) Term-End Examination June, 2025

MPYE-008: METAPHYSICS

Time: 3 Hours Maximum Marks: 100

Note: Answer all the five questions. All questions carry equal marks. Answer to question nos. 1 and 2 are to be written in about 500 words each.

Explain and examine Aristotelian understanding of categories.

Or

Examine and evaluate the early perspectives on the problem of 'one and many' (Indian and western).

Elaborate the notion of Brahman and Maya as discussed in Sankara's Advaita philosophy.

Or

Write an essay on the idea of Padartha (categories) as presented in Nyaya-Vaisesika school.

- 3. Answer any *two* of the following questions in about **250** words each:
 - (a) Explain and examine the concept of 'Being as one in many'.
 - (b) Elaborate on the principles of 'non-contradiction' and 'excluded middle'. 10
 - (c) Elaborate K.C. Bhattacharya's views on Metaphysics.
 - (d) Examine the concepts of matter and form from classical perspectives.10
- 4. Answer any *four* of the following questions about **150** words each:
 - (a) Discuss the main metaphysical issues in the context of 'Ontology of relations'.

	(b)	Write a brief note on how metaphysic	\mathbf{s}
		of the orthodox systems differ from tha	t
		of the heterodox systems.	5
	(c)	What is truth? Write the main kinds o	f
		truth.	5
	(d)	Discuss the meaning of essence	е
		according to Husserl.	5
	(e)	Explain potency and actuality in the	е
		context of metaphysics.	5
	(f)	Examine the concept of relation. Bring	3
		out different kinds of relations.	5
5.	Wr	ite short notes on any five of the	е
	foll	owing in about 100 words each :	
	(a)	Kinds of substance	1
	(b)	Essence as principle of limitation	1
	(c)	Beings as Appearance of Being	1
	(d)	Sri Aurobindo	1
	(e)	Yoga	1
	(f)	Augustine	1
	(g)	Principle of Indescribability (Śūnya)	1
	(h)	Problem of freewill	4
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