ENTRANCE EXAMINATION, 2017

M.A. PHILOSOPHY

[ Field of Study Code : SPHM (229) ]

Time Allowed : 3 hours
Maximum Marks : 100

Note : Attempt four questions. Section—A is compulsory. Three questions are to be attempted from Section—B and Section—C, choosing at least one question from each Section.

SECTION—A

1. Write short notes (comprising of 200 to 250 words each) on any four of the following : 10×4=40
   (a) Nairātmyavāda
   (b) Adhyāsa
   (c) Abhāva
   (d) Scepticism
   (e) Simple and Complex Ideas
   (f) Induction and Deduction

SECTION—B

2. What is the importance of epistemology in philosophical enquiry? In this connection, discuss Plato’s distinction between episteme and doxa. 20

3. Expound and discuss Kant’s distinction between phenomena and noumena. 20

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4. Critically examine Viṣiṣṭādvaitic characterization of the relationship between Ātman and Brahman. 20

5. Write a critical essay on Berkeley’s esse est percipi. 20

Or

Explain and examine Spinoza’s notion of ‘Substance’ as causa sui. 20

SECTION—C

6. Write an essay on the debate of euthanasia (mercy-killing) elucidating the ethical point of view of pro-life and pro-choice position holders. 20

7. Examine the characteristics of utilitarian consequentialism and Kantian deontology. 20

8. Discuss Gandhi’s critique of modernity in Hind Swaraj. What did Gandhi understand by ‘true civilization’? 20

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