

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

4. Critically examine Viśiṣṭādvaitic 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
