

2011

M.A.

4th Semester Examination

PHILOSOPHY

PAPER—PHI-2201

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 Hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks.

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

[Advaita Vedanta]

Answer any two questions from Group—A
and one question from Group—B

Group—A

1. (a) What is the full meaning of the Brahmasūtra,
janmādyasya yataḥ?
- (b) Is it an inference for the attainment of knowledge of
the nature of Brahman? Discuss after Sāṅkara -
Bhāṣya. 4+12
2. Explain Sāṅkara's two-fold interpretation of the
Brahmasūtra, *sāstrayonitvāt*. 16

(Turn Over)

3. How does Śaṅkara establish that *pradhānakāranavāda* is not acceptable since *pradhāna* cannot have tendency (*pravṛtti*) to create the world? Discuss. 16

4. *Nanu aupaniṣādanām api asamañjasam eva darśanam, tapyatāpakayoḥ jatyantarbhavaḥ analhyupagamāt.*

Explain the above *purvapakṣa* in Śaṅkara's Bhāṣya on the Brahmasūtra *Vipratīṣedhāccāsamañjasam* to prove that the Vedānta philosophy is also incoherent. 16

Group—B

5. What is *sādhancatuṣṭaya*? Explain. 8

6. Can it be claimed that *pradhāna* acts spontaneously like milk and water? Answer after Śaṅkara's commentary on Tarkapāda of Brahmasūtra. 8

7. Comment, after Śaṅkara, the Brahmasūtra, *anyatra abhavāt ca na tñādivat.* 8
