

2022

1st Semester Examination

PHILOSOPHY

Paper : PHI 105

(Indian Classical Philosophical Text)

Full Marks : 40

Time : Two Hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.  
Candidates are required to give their answers  
in their own words as far as practicable.*

**Group - A**

Answer any *four* of the following questions :

5×4=20

1. Why does Ācārya Śaṅkara write the commentary on the *Bhagavadgītā*? Discuss. 5
2. Explain briefly the characteristics of *Bhagavāna* and the purpose of his incarnation? 5
3. Explain the ideal of *niṣkama karmayoga* of the *Bhagavadgītā*. 5
4. State and explain, according to Śaṅkara, the *śloka* 2/12 of the *Bhagavadgītā*. 1+4=5

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5. "Just as the man in this body passes through the various stages of boyhood, youth and old age, like so, he passes into another body after death. The wise knows it and are not deluded." Why are the wise not deluded? Explain. 5
6. How does Ācārya Śaṅkara describe *ātma* as *avyaya* and *aprameya* in his commentary on the seventeenth and eighteenth *śloka* of *sāṃkhyayoga adhyāya* of the *Bhagavadgītā*? What is the meaning of the term 'antabanta', according to Ācārya Śaṅkara, composed in the eighteenth *śloka* of *sāṃkhyayoga adhyāya* of the *Bhagavadgītā*. 2+2+1=5

### Group - B

Answer any *two* of the following questions : 10×2=20

7. Explain the significance of the *maṅgalācaranaśloka* of *Bhagavadgītābhāṣya* of Ācārya Śaṅkara. 10
8. "The Supreme Personality of Godhead said : While speaking learned words, you are mourning for what is not worthy of grief. Those who are wise lament neither for the living nor for the dead." — Explain the purport and meaning of this statement. 10
9. Explain the significance of the *śloka* '*nāsato vidyate bhāvo nā bhābobidyate sataḥ / ubhayorapi dr̥ṣṭo 'ntas tvanayostattvadarśibhiḥ //*' (*Bhagavadgītā* - 02/16) after Śaṅkarabhāṣya of the *Bhagavadgītā*. 10

10. How does Ācārya Śaṅkara establish the *nityatva* or eternity of *ātmā* commenting on the *śloka* 'na *jāyate mriyate vā kadācinnāyam bhūtvā 'bhavitā vā na bhūyah/ajo nityah śāsvato 'yam purāṇo, na hanyate hanyamāne śarīre* // *Bhagavadgītā* -02/20)? Explain.
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