

**B.A. (Hons) Examination 2024**  
**Philosophy**  
**Semester-VI**  
**Paper: DSE-4-Special Text (Indian)**  
**(For Regular and Back Candidates)**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**Full Marks: 60**

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin  
Answer **any four** questions from the following

1. The word 'Personality' differs from the usual meaning of it and wears a unique connotation in Tagore's collection of lectures entitled *Personality*. Explain the Tagorean concept of 'Personality' as referred to repetitively in the said anthology of the lectures. 15
2. 'Therefore I shall not define Art.' 15  
Why does Tagore prefer not to define the 'Art'; but the 'reason of its existence' instead? Answer the question keeping in mind the essay 'What is Art?' from Tagore's *Personality*.
3. 'So, in man, a second birth has taken place.' 15  
According to Tagore, how does a 'second birth' take place in man? Elaborate on the 'second birth' concept as explained in the essay 'Second Birth' in *Personality*.
4. How does Tagore align the essay 'My School' with the notion of 'Personality', which he alluded to in the Book *Personality*? 15
5. How does Tagore exhibit the Ideals of womanhood to the West in the essay 'Woman' in *Personality*? Critically evaluate the discourse and give your opinion on it. 7.5+7.5=15
6. Write notes on **any three** of the following: 3x5=15
  - (a) Subjectivity and Objectivity in the essay 'The World of Personality'.
  - (b) Criticism of 'Survival of the fittest' in the essay 'Second Birth'.
  - (c) Individuality and Collectivity in man from the relevant essays in *Personality*.
  - (d) Masculinity and the history of civilization in the essay 'Woman'.
  - (e) '...the growth of this school was the growth of my life.'



**B.A. Honours Examination 2024 (CBCS)**  
**Semester-VI**  
**Philosophy**  
**Paper/Course: [CC-13] Textual study: Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika Metaphysics**  
**Regular and Back**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**Marks: 60**

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Answer **any four** questions from the following.

1. Bring out the philosophical significance of the *mangalācaraṇam* offered in the *Tarkasaṃgraha*. What is the main objection against its inclusion in the text? Is the response of Annambhaṭṭa satisfactory to his opponents' objection? Answer in brief. 8+2+5=15
2. Give a brief account of the *nitya dravya(s)* as described in the *Tarkasaṃgraha*. Explain the arguments given in favour of inclusion of *suvarṇa* (gold) among the *tejas* (light) *dravya(s)* in the *Dīpikā* by Annambhaṭṭa. 10+5=15
3. Give a brief account of the *guṇa(s)* as enumerated in the *Tarkasaṃgraha*. Distinguish between *pilupākavāda* and *pītharpākvāda*. 10+5=15
4. Explain the Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika concept of *sāmānya* after Annambhaṭṭa. Distinguish between *parāsāmānya* and *aparāsāmānya*. 10+5=15
5. State and explain the definition of *viśeṣa*. Is *viśeṣa* a distinct *padārtha*? Discuss following Annambhaṭṭa. 7.5+7.5=15
6. State and explain the definition of *samavāya*. Distinguish between *samavāya sambandha* and *svarūpa sambandha* in the context of the definition of *samavāya*. 10+5=15

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**BA (Hons.) Examination, 2024**  
**Semester-VI**  
**Subject: Philosophy**  
**Paper—CC-14:Western Metaphysics**  
**(For regular and back candidates)**

**Time: 3 hours**

**Full Marks: 60**

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Answer *any four* questions.

1. Why did the ancient thinkers speculate entities and processes which are not observable? Explain with the help of an example. 15
2. How would you analyze the truth condition of the statement 'red is a colour' in the frameworks of realism and austere nominalism? Elucidate. 7+8 =15
3. What are necessary and sufficient conditions? Explain with the help of suitable examples. 15
4. Consider the following assertions: 15
  - a) Mind and body are fundamentally different types of entity.
  - b) Mind and body causally interact.
  - c) Causality involves physical push or contact.Explain how the acceptance of any two of the above-mentioned assertions leads us to reject the remaining one.
5. Give an account of the problems associated with psycho-physical parallelism. 15
6. What is cognitive meaning? How do the logical positivists try to prove that metaphysical statements are cognitively meaningless? Explain. 4+11 =15



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**Semester VI**

**Philosophy**

**DSE-03: Political Philosophy (The Subaltern Perspective)**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**Full Marks: 60**

**Questions are of value as indicated in the margin**

**Answer any FOUR questions**

1. How does the superposition of endogamy on exogamy create the caste system? Explain it after Ambedkar. 15
2. How does Sundar Sarukkai apply Derrida's notion of supplementation to explain the outsourcing of untouchability to the 'untouchable community'? Illustrate. 15
3. How did the Hindi literatures of late 19<sup>th</sup> Century C.E. contribute to the semantic freewheeling of "Hindustani = Hindus minus Muslims" and "Hindus = Hindus plus Muslims"? Elucidate after Shahid Amin. 15
4. How does the 'Ideal of book-learning' come to be associated with the emancipation of Black Americans in America? What are the obstacles that the Blacks face in their endeavour? Elaborate after W. E. B. Du Bois. 6+9
5. Briefly explain after Michèle Barrett and Mary McIntosh how family and class are interwoven. 15
6. "The politics of sexuality has remained outside the mainstream, marginalized by a general consensus that questions of sex are concerned with morality and private life and not with the big issues of power and economics" – Annotate. 15