

Three Year Undergraduate Programme (CBCS) SEM-VI Examination 2026

Subject: Philosophy Paper/ Course: [CC—13] Textual Study: Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika Metaphysics

Time: 3 Hours

Marks: 60

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin.

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

1. What is the purpose of *maṅgalācarana*? Explain the significance of the term '*sāmbāmūrti*' and '*girām gurum*' as used in Tarkasaṃgraha Dīpikā. 9+6=15
2. State and explain the *lakṣaṇa* of *dravya* following Tarkasaṃgraha and Tarkasaṃgraha Dīpikā. Do the Naiyāyikas accept *tamaḥ* as a distinct *dravya*? Answer following Annambhaṭṭa. 9+6=15
3. Explain the nature of *ātmā* following Nyāya. How do the Naiyāyikas prove the existence of *ātmā*? Discuss following Annambhaṭṭa. 10+5=15
4. Explain the Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika concept of *sāmānya* after Annambhaṭṭa. Distinguish between *parā* and *aparā sāmānya*. 9+6=15
5. Give an account of *samavāya* following Annambhaṭṭa. 15
6. Discuss the nature of *viśeṣa* as explained in Tarkasaṃgraha Dīpikā. Explain the ground for postulating the existence of *viśeṣa*. 9+6=15

BA (Hons.) Sem-VI Examination, 2026
Subject: Philosophy
Paper / Course: CC-14 (Western Metaphysics)

Time: 3 hours

Full Marks: 60

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Answer *any four* questions.

1. Write a note on the origin of the metaphysical idea of soul / mind. 15
2. Explain what leads metaphysicians to distinguish between appearance and reality. Further explain, with the help of suitable examples, the difference between the philosophical and the ordinary distinctions between appearance and reality. 9+6
=15
3. Give an account of austere nominalism as a theory of universals. 15
4. Explain Aristotle's theory of causation. 15
5. How does the substratum theorist conceive a concrete particular? Critically present any two arguments in support of the substratum theory. 4+11
=15
6. Discuss the philosophical problem of the relation between mental events and physical events. 15

B.A (Hons) Examination 2026 (CBCS)

Semester VI

Philosophy

DSE-03 – Political Philosophy (Subaltern Perspective)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 60

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin

Answer any FOUR questions

1. Write an essay on how Muslims are represented in Indian literatures and media on the issue of identity, according to Shahid Amin. 15
2. Critically evaluate Barrett and McIntosh's critique of the family as an institution that reinforces gender inequality, emotional dependence, and social control in modern society. 15
3. Critically analyse how Du Bois's concept of double consciousness addresses the psychological conflict existing in oppressed communities. 15
4. Discuss Sylvia Walby's analysis of the relationship between women and the nation in the context of patriarchy and nationalism. 15
5. Explain the phenomenological analysis of 'touch' and 'untouchability', after Sundar Sarukkai. How does he describe untouchability as an aspect of supplementation? Explain. 7+8
6. How does endogamy play the role in the origin and spread of the caste system? Explain it after Ambedkar. 15

B. A. (Hons) in Philosophy Examination, 2026
Semester – IV
Paper: Special Text (Indian) / DSE - 4

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks:60

Questions are of equal value or as indicated in the margin

Answer any 4 questions

1. Why does Tagore, in his essay entitled “Woman”, write that “...she is not less necessary in civilization than man but possibly more so...”? Explain. 15
2. Explain, following Tagore, how from our very childhood “...habits are formed and knowledge is imparted in such a manner that...our mind and the world are set in opposition...” 15
3. Discuss how Tagore differentiates a “living teacher” from “a mere vehicle of text-books” in his essay titled “My School”. 15
4. What are the implications of Tagore’s comparison between the life of an unborn child in her mother’s womb and the life of human beings in their natural world? Elucidate. 15
5. Discuss, after Tagore, why “...man is not content with the world that is given to him; he is bent upon making it his own world”. 15
6. Why does Tagore say that we can only realize the highest truth by plunging into it? Give reasons for your answer. 15