



UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL

B.A. Honours 1st Semester Examination, 2019

GE1-PHILOSOPHY

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 60

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.
Candidates should answer in their own words and adhere to the word limit as practicable.
All symbols are of usual significance.*

SECTION-I

1. Answer any **four** questions from the following: 3×4 = 12
- (a) Why is the existence of God not admitted by Carvaka philosophy? 3
- (b) Distinguish between Prama and Pramana. How many Pramans are accepted by Nyaya philosophy? 2+1=3
- (c) How is abhāva known according to Vaisesika? 3
- (d) What is the meaning of the term 'pratityasamutpada'? 3
- (e) Give the definition of Sattva Guna, according to Samkhya. 3
- (f) What is the literal meaning of the term "Yoga"? 3

SECTION-II

2. Answer any **four** questions from the following: 6×4 = 24
- (a) Is body considered as self according to Carvaka? Discuss. 6
- (b) Explain 'Bhavacakra' following Buddhism. 6
- (c) Distinguish between Samanya and Visesa as Padartha in Vaisesika philosophy. 6
- (d) Distinguish between Savikalpaka and Nirvikalpaka Pratyaksa. 6
- (e) What are the three gunas of Prakriti? Explain each of them. 1+5=6
- (f) Write a short note on eight-fold means of Yoga (Astanga Yoga). 6

SECTION-III

3. Answer any **two** questions from the following: 12×2 = 24
- (a) Explain the arguments of Carvaka's against Inference as source of valid knowledge. 12
- (b) What are the proofs for the existence of Purusa, according to Samkhya? 12
- (c) Discuss the different types of Abhāva following Vaisesika philosophy. 12
- (d) Explain the nature and scope of Indian Philosophy. 12

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