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M.A. PHILOSOPHY (Previous)  
Assignment for First Year Students (2012-2013)

**Paper - I : CLASSICAL INDIAN PHILOSOPHY**  
5x3 = 15

1. Bring out the characteristics of Indian philosophy.
2. Give an exposition of Reality as qualified and nonqualified according to Ramanuja.
3. Jainism is a religion without God - Discuss.
4. What are the Four Noble Truths of Buddhism? Explain.
5. Describe the Doctrine of Bhakti, Sarangati and prapatti according to Ramanuja.

**Paper - II : WESTERN PHILOSOPHY**  
5x3 = 15

1. Give an account of Plato’s Dialectical method.
2. Give an account of Aristotelian logic.
3. Give an exposition of the concept of substance according to Spinoza.
4. Explain Locke’s theory of knowledge and its limits.
5. Give an account of Hegel’s Dialectical method.

**Paper - III : SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY**  
5x3 = 15

1. Explain the nature of Marxian Historical Materialism.
2. Give an exposition of Gandhian view of ‘unity of all Religions’. (Sarvodharam samabhava.)
4. Give an account of the grounds for political obligation.
5. Give an account of the salient features of a Modern State.

**Paper : IV - Indian Heritage and Culture**  
5x3 = 15

1. Describe the role of Indian Temples - South and North in bringing out Religiosity and National Integration.
2. Write an essay on the contributions of Bharata Muni to the Natya Sashtra.
3. Bring out the influence of Islam on Indian Culture.
4. Explain the significance of Vivekananda’s practical Vedanta to contemporary society.
5. Explain the significance of the principle of fundamental unity and diversity.

**Paper : V - Logic and Scientific Method**  
5x3 = 15

1. Define Logic and explain the subject matter of words, thoughts and terms in logic.
2. Give an account of sense experience as a source of knowledge.
3. What is a Proposition? Bring out the kinds of propositions.
4. Explain Analogy with examples.
5. Explain the place of Scientific Method in History.
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Paper – I: Epistemology
Answer All Questions 5 x 3 = 15
1. Explain Wittgenstein’s ordinary language analysis.
2. Give an account of the commonsense realism of G.E. Moore.
4. Analyze the Radical New Realism.
5. Explain Bergson’s view of the objects of knowledge and their relation to knowing.

Paper – II: Ethics
Answer All Questions 5 x 3 = 15
1. Define ethics and bring out the nature and scope of ethics.
2. What is meant by Duty? Bring out its importance in ethical action.
3. Give an account of moral freedom of the individual.
4. Give an account of Humanistic ethics with suitable examples.

Paper – III: Contemporary Indian Philosophy
Answer All Questions 5 x 3 = 15
1. Give an account of the characteristics and background of contemporary Indian Philosophy.
2. Describe the moral and social views of Swami Vivekananda.
3. Elucidate the salient features of Radhakrishnan’s philosophy.
4. Explain the views on Religion and God according to Tagore.
5. Give an exposition of Nehru’s views on secularism and socialism.

Paper – IV: Contemporary Western Philosophy
Answer All Questions 5 x 3 = 15
1. Explain the importance of Linguistic turn in the development of philosophy.
2. Give a detailed account of Russell’s view of logical positivism.
3. State and explain the criticism of Kantian rationality and noesisnoema relation.
4. Explain the three stages of life and meaning of existence according the Keir Kegard.
5. What pragmatism is bring out William James empirical pragmatism?

Paper – V: Elective (2) Sankara Advaita Vedanta
Answer All Questions 5 x 3 = 15
1. What is the Veda and give a brief introduction to Vedanta.
2. “The world appears to be real, but in reality it is not” - Discuss.
3. Give an account of the four stages of the self.
4. What is Kshetra – Kshetra Jnanam according to Bhagavadgita.
5. Describe the Karma Sanyasa Marga according to the Gita

Paper – V: Elective (3) Gandhian Studies
Answer All Questions 5 x 3 = 15
1. Discuss the different influences – Indian and Western that shaped Gandhian thought.
2. Bring out the important ethical values in Gandhian philosophy and their relevance in the contemporary political scene.
3. Discuss the meaning and goal of Sarvodaya according to Gandhiji.
4. Write an essay on the place of civil disobedience, non-cooperation in our contemporary society.
5. Bring out how far Gandhian ideas are relevant to the modern tiems?