

M.A. Examination, 2014

Semester – III

Philosophy

Paper : XX (Special)

Vedānta (Unit-I)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 40

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin.

Answer **any four** questions

1. Explain – “*Smṛtirūpaḥ paratra pūrva-dṛṣṭāvabhāṣaḥ.*” Why does Sankara begin his commentary on *Brahma Sūtra* with *adhyāsa bhāṣya* ? 6+4=10
 2. Bring out the significance of the words ‘*Atha*’ and ‘*Brahma-jijñāsā*’ following Samkara’s commentary on *Brahma Sutra* No1. 10
 3. How does Samkara explain the second Aphorism of *Brahma Sutra*? 10
 4. How does the author of *Vedānta Paribhāṣā* define *pramā*? Explain the necessity of each of the components. Explain in this context the status of *smṛti* according to the text *Vedānta Paribhāṣā*. 2+4+4=10
 5. Examine the Advaita stand point on “*niravayavasya antaḥkaraṇaya parināmātmikā vṛttiḥ.*” 10
 6. Write short notes on **any two** of the following: 5+5=10
 - (a) *Jñānagata pratyakṣa*
 - (b) *anirvacanīya khyāti*
 - (c) *manas* as *indriya*
 - (d) The meaning of *avidyā*
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