

M.A. Examination, 2014

Semester – III

Philosophy

Paper : XVI (Special)

Nyaya (Unit-I)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 40

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin.

Answer *any four* questions

1. “*pramāṇataḥ arthapratipattan pravṛtti-sāmarthyāt arthavat pramāṇam*” – what are meant by *pravṛtti-sāmarthya* and *arthavat*? Does the proof for validity of *pramāṇa* involve an infinite regress? Discuss after Vātsāyana. 4+4+2=10
2. State the *lakṣaṇa* of *pratyakṣa* after Goutama. Discuss the significance of the terms *avyāpa deśya* and *avyabhicāri*. 2+8=10
3. Explain and illustrate with examples different kinds of *anumāna* as it is discussed in *Nyāya-sutra* and *Vātsyāyana Bhāṣya*. 2+8=10
4. Explain *Śabdapramāṇa* following Gautama and Vātsyāna. What are the two-fold division of *śabdapramāṇa*? Explain and illustrate with suitable examples. 5+5=10
5. Explain the concept of *Pramāṇa-samplava* and *Pramāṇa-vyāvasthā*. What is the significance of “*ubhayathā darśanam*” as mentioned by *Bhāṣyakāra*? Which one is accepted by the *Naiyāyikas*? 2+5+3=10
6. What is *upamāna pramāṇa*? What is its specific result (*phala*)? Can it be regarded as a form of verbal knowledge (*śabda-pramāṇa*)? Discuss. 4+2+4=10