

**M.A. Examination 2018**  
**Semester-III**  
**Comparative Religion**  
**Course : MACOMRSP 303**  
**The Bhagavad Gita (Classical Commentaries)**

**Time : 3 Hours**

**Full Marks : 40**

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin

Answer **any four** questions.

1. What is the significance of accepting twofold disciplines (*dvividhā niṣṭha*) in the *Karma-Yoga*? Which one of them is superior according to Samkara? Explain and evaluate. 5+5=10
2. Critically analyse the arguments given by Arjuna in favour of withdrawing himself from the battle of Kurukṣetra. 10
3. What is described as *mithyācāra* in the *Bhagavadgītā*? Which is the way prescribed to avoid *mithyācāra*? Explain after Samkara. 4+6=10
4. How does Śamkara explain *Gītā*'s pronouncement that King Janaka and some other people have achieved perfection through work alone? Evaluate critically. 10
5. What does *Bhagavadgītā* mean when it declares that man does not attain freedom from works by abstention from them? According to Samkara, does it apply uniformly to all? Explain. 6+4=10
6. Give a brief account of Samkara's explanation of : 10  
Tattavit tu mahābāho guṇakarma-vibhā-gayoḥ |  
Guṇā guṇeṣu vartanta iti matvā na sajjate ||

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