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Course Name – Understanding Life through Indian Philosophy

Course Code - VAC00014

( Semester I )

Full Marks : 60

Time : 2:30 Hours

[The figure in the margin indicates full marks. Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.]

### Group-A

(Multiple Choice Type Question)

1 x 15=15

1. Choose the correct alternative from the following :

- (i) Name the school that did not reject the Vedic authority
  - a) Heterodox
  - b) Carvaka
  - c) Orthodox
  - d) none of these
- (ii) Discover which of these is the most superior gift of a man.
  - a) intellect
  - b) success
  - c) problems
  - d) religion
- (iii) Choose the correct answer - Which of these options belongs to the major division in Buddhism?
  - a) Enlightenment
  - b) Theravada
  - c) Astika
  - d) Heterodox
- (iv) State the possible connotation of the word "Dharma".
  - a) worship
  - b) religion
  - c) duty
  - d) all of these
- (v) Select which of the three canonical works contains expositions of philosophical theories?
  - a) Hinayana
  - b) Suttapitika
  - c) abhidhammapitika
  - d) none of these
- (vi) Choose which of the following is not considered in the eightfold noble path.
  - a) right concentration
  - b) right views
  - c) right resolve
  - d) all of these
- (vii) Identify the religion which is an example of a religion without God.
  - a) Christianity
  - b) Hinduism
  - c) Jainism
  - d) Mahayana
- (viii) Restate the words that Buddha said before he passed away.

- a) "Be a light to the world and lead them to your path, the path of the four noble truths"  
 b) "Decay is inherent in all things composed of parts. Work out your salvation with diligence"  
 c) "I take refuge in Dhamma, I take refuge in the Sangha"  
 d) "It is like building a staircase for mounting a palace which has never been seen"
- (ix) Interpret the meaning of the term 'Bodhisattvas' in Mahayana.  
 a) salvation for God  
 b) great vehicle  
 c) seeking salvation for self  
 d) seeking salvation for self and also others
- (x) Select which of the following is NOT one of the aims of life according to Hindu philosophy.  
 a) Moksha  
 b) Artha  
 c) Dharma  
 d) Karma
- (xi) The law of cause and effect governing one's actions and deeds in Hindu philosophy is known as \_\_\_\_\_. Complete the sentence.  
 a) Samsara  
 b) Karma  
 c) Dharma  
 d) Maya
- (xii) State which of the following represents the principle of cosmic intelligence and discriminative knowledge in Samkhya philosophy.  
 a) Prakriti  
 b) Buddhi  
 c) Ahamkara  
 d) Manas
- (xiii) Identify which ancient Indian philosophical tradition focuses on the path of selfless action and service to others.  
 a) Karma Yoga  
 b) Yoga  
 c) Vedanta  
 d) Samkhya
- (xiv) Choose from the options, which spiritual concept, commonly found in Eastern philosophies, refers to the interconnectedness of all living beings and the universe  
 a) Oneness  
 b) Maya  
 c) Ahimsa  
 d) Nirvana
- (xv) Recall the name of the last Tirthankara.  
 a) Mahavira  
 b) Adi Shankaracharya  
 c) Rishabhdeva  
 d) Buddha

### Group-B

(Short Answer Type Questions)

3 x 5=15

2. Establish your thoughts on the Evolution of the Universe according to Samkhya's philosophy. (3)
3. Discuss Soul and Matter (Pudgal) in Jaina Philosophy. (3)
4. Explain Asanas, Yamas and Niyamas from Yoga sutras. (3)
5. State three differences between Hinayana and Mahayana. (3)
6. Prepare a short note on the use of Ethics of some of the Indian Philosophical schools in the contemporary period. (3)

OR

Write your thoughts and ideas regarding the holistic well-being according to Yoga. (3)

### Group-C

(Long Answer Type Questions)

5 x 6=30

7. Justify the concept of Sabda which is also known as Testimony in the Nyaya Philosophy. (5)
8. Estimate the path to moksha in Jainism. (5)
9. Discuss the bondage of the soul in Jaina Philosophy. (5)
10. Write briefly about the metaphysics of Samkhya Philosophy. (5)

11. State the significance and scope of studying Indian Philosophy. (5)
12. Classify Dravya and Guna from Vaisheshika Philosophy. (5)
- OR**
- Analyze Science and Spirituality in Indian Philosophy in the contemporary period. (5)

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