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Term End Examination 2025-2026
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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. *Choose the correct alternative from the following :* 1 x 15=15

(i) Identify the two sides of the Vedic traditions.

a) orthodox and heterodox b) ritualistic and speculative
c) nyaya and yoga d) nyaya and sankhya

(ii) Name the school that rejected the Vedic authority.

a) Heterodox b) Orthodox
c) Vedanta d) all of these

(iii) Discover which of these is the most superior gift of a man.

a) intellect b) success
c) problems d) religion

(iv) Select which of these is not one of the Four Noble Truths in Buddhist Philosophy.

a) Dukkha b) Samudaya
c) Hinayana d) Nirodha

(v) Identify the correct answer - Samudaya in Buddhist Philosophy tells about _____.

a) Dukkha b) Cause of suffering
c) Suffering d) None of these

(vi) Judge who amongst the following can be called the founder of Buddhism.

a) Adi Shankaracharya b) Mahavira
c) Buddha d) Confucious

(vii) State the correct connotation of the word "Karma".

a) destiny b) action
c) fate d) love

(viii) Identify the number of main vows (Mahavrata) are there for Jain monks and nuns.

a) 5 b) 7
c) 10 d) 12

(ix) Jainism divides the cycle of time into two halves, recall what are they called.

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a) Yuga and Kalpa
b) Samaya and Kala
c) Uttam and Naram
d) Samsara and Moksha

(x) Predict the sacred text that is considered as the oldest scripture in Hindu philosophy.

a) Upanishads
b) Ramayana
c) Vedas
d) Mahabharata

(xi) Buddhist philosophy preaches about the importance of Karuna. Examine what do you understand by the term Karuna.

a) Rebirth
b) Sacrifice
c) Love
d) Hatred

(xii) Extend your view on the term Samadhi in Yoga philosophy.

a) enlightenment
b) death
c) rebirth
d) karma

(xiii) Predict who is traditionally regarded as the founder of the Samkhya school of philosophy.

a) Patanjali
b) Kapila
c) Vyasa
d) Yajnavalkya

(xiv) Predict the term for the branch of philosophy that deals with the study of moral principles and values.

a) Epistemology
b) Ethics
c) Aesthetics
d) Metaphysics

(xv) 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

Group-B

(Short Answer Type Questions) 3 x 5=15

2. Explain Asanas, Yamas and Niyamas from Yoga sutras. (3)
3. Discuss about Buddhism's decline in India. (3)
4. State three differences between Hinayana and Mahayana. (3)
5. Write down the five vows of Jain philosophy. (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. Summarize Hindu philosophy in your own words. (5)
8. Estimate the path to moksha in Jainism. (5)
9. Recall and write down what has happened at the age of 29 in Buddha's life. (5)
10. Differentiate between the two sects or division of Buddhism. (5)
11. Examine the importance of Karma and Ahimsa in Jainism. (5)
12. Summarize Brahmacaryam in Jaina Philosophy. (5)

OR

Critique the concept of women obtaining liberation in Digambaras. (5)

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