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Ph.D. ENTRANCE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2022

FACULTY OF ARTS

PHILOSOPHY

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 100

Instructions :

- 1) Answer **any ten** questions each from Section **A** and **B**.
- 2) Each question carries **5** marks.
- 3) No additional Answer sheets will be provided.
- 4) Candidates should clearly indicate the section, Question number in the answer booklet.

Section – A

Research Methodology

- I. Answer any **ten** questions. All Questions carry equal marks.
1. Explain the major steps in choosing a Research topic.
2. What is a Research Problem? Describe How to Identify a research problem in Philosophy.
3. Explain the major qualities of a researcher.
4. Explain the steps for citation.
5. Define Research. Explain the Scope of Research.
6. Distinguish between MLA and APA styles of research writing.

7. Explain 'Research as an independent activity.'
8. Explain the major steps in preparing a review of literature for research.
9. What is plagiarism? Explain how can we avoid plagiarism?
10. Bring out the significance of logical consistency and coherence in presentation.
11. Distinguish between Methodology and Method.
12. "A bibliography has to be appended to the finished research product so as to convince the reader that the thesis is based on definite evidence". In the light of this statement, try to define working bibliography.
13. Explain the different types of synopsis writing involved in research.
14. "Research is a critical investigation into a chosen area within a familiar field for the purpose of furthering the knowledge about the area selected". Explain.
15. Give a detail account on the various methods of data collection.

(10 × 5 = 50 Marks)

Section – B

Philosophy

- II. Answer any **ten** questions. All Questions carry equal marks.
1. Explain the concept of knowledge according to Indian philosophy. Distinguish between *para vidya* and *apara vidya*?
2. Define Modus Tollens and modus ponens.
3. Are synthetic *Apriori* Judgements possible? Explain in the light of Kantian method of knowledge.
4. Explain the concept of *purushārthās* and their importance in Indian Ethics.
5. Write a note on Dialectical materialism of Karl Marx.
6. Briefly explain the philosophy of *Māndukyopanishad*.

7. Briefly explain the Deconstruction of Derrida.
8. Explain the concept of Laws of Thought.
9. Explain the nature and means of *Nirvāna* according to Buddhism.
10. Elucidate the general characteristics of existentialism.
11. Analyse the role of subjectivism and emotivism in the understanding of moral values.
12. Explain the characteristics and major divisions of Feminism. Write a note on various kinds of feminism.
13. Write a note on Empiricism.
14. Explain the *mīmāṃsa* theory of meaning.
15. Examine phenomenology as a method of philosophy.

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