

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION, 2013**M.A. PHILOSOPHY**

[Field of Study Code : SPHM (229)]

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : Attempt four Questions. Any three questions from **Section—A** and the one question from **Section—B** have to be answered. In **Section—A**, the answer should be of 750–800 words; in **Section—B**, it should be of 250–300 words.

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SECTION—A

1. Discuss the salient features of empiricism as propounded by Locke, Berkeley and Hume. 20
2. Write an essay on the significance of *Puruṣārthas* in Indian philosophy of morals. 20
3. Can Capital punishment ever be justified? Give reasons in support of your answer. 20
4. Analyse Śaṅkara's statement, "*Brahman* is the ultimate reality; the world is ultimately unreal; there is no difference between *Ātman* and *Brahman*". 20
5. Discuss Aristotle's four-fold account of causation. 20
6. Write an essay on deduction and induction. 20
7. Critically analyse the problems of being and becoming with special reference to Parmenides and Heraclitus. 20
8. Analyse Russell's statement, "Dogmatism and Scepticism are both in a sense, absolute philosophies; one is certain of knowing, the other of not-knowing. What philosophy should decipate is certainty whether of knowledge or ignorance?" 20
9. What is Secularism? Discuss the challenges for the practice of secularism in India. 20

10. Write short notes on any *four* of the following :

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- (a) Categorical Imperative
- (b) *Raṣa*
- (c) Virtues
- (d) Logical necessity
- (e) *Syādvāda*
- (f) *Sarvodaya*
- (g) Monads
- (h) Idea of God
