



‘समानो मन्त्रः समितिः समानी’

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL

B.A. Honours 1st Semester Examination, 2021

GE1-P1-PHILOSOPHY

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 60

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

SECTION-I

1. Answer any **four** questions from the following: 3×4 = 12
- (a) What does the term-Āstika and Nāstika mean in Indian Philosophy? 3
- (b) Why are the Cārvāka Philosophers called Hedonists? 3
- (c) What is the meaning of ‘Darśana’? Explain. 3
- (d) Give the definition of Sattvaguna according to Sāṃkhya. 3
- (e) What is called ‘Nirvāna’ according to Buddhism? 3
- (f) What is Bhavacakra according to Buddhism? 3

SECTION-II

2. Answer any **four** questions from the following: 6×4 = 24
- (a) Explain in brief the concept of Liberation (Mukti) in Indian Philosophy. 6
- (b) Discuss about First and Second Noble Truth of Buddhism. 6
- (c) What is prakṛti according to Sāṃkhya? What are the proofs for the existence of Prakṛti? 2+4
- (d) Is Indian Philosophy pessimistic? Discuss. 6
- (e) State and explain the Eight-fold path (Aṣṭāṅgika Mārga) admitted in Buddhism. 6
- (f) Write a note on the Cārvāka Ethics. 6

SECTION-III

3. Answer any **two** questions from the following: 12×2 = 24
- (a) What are the Guṇas of Prakṛti? Explain the characteristic features of them. 3+9
- (b) Explain the derivative meaning of the term ‘Pratityasamutpāda’. Discuss the Buddhist notion of causality in the light of this theory. 4+8
- (c) What are the proofs for the existence of Puruṣa according to Sāṃkhya? Is Puruṣa one or many? 8+4
- (d) Is body considered as Self (Ātman) according to the Cārvāka? Discuss. 12

—×—