



‘समानो मन्त्रः समितिः समानी’

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UPHIMAJ11001-PHILOSOPHY

INDIAN PHILOSOPHY-I [UPANIṢADIC TRADITION AND BHAGAVADGĪTĀ]

Time Allotted: 2 Hours 30 Minutes

Full Marks: 60

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

SECTION-I

1. Answer any *five* questions of the following: 2×5=10
- (a) What is the etymological meaning of *Upaniṣad*? 2
 - (b) What is *Ṛta*? 2
 - (c) What is meant by the *jāgrata* stage of *ātman*? 2
 - (d) What is the *samsāradaśā* of soul? 2
 - (e) Why *Veda* is called as *Śruti*? 2
 - (f) Why *Vedas* are called *Apauruṣeya*? 2
 - (g) What is *svadharma* according to *Bhagavadgītā*? 2
 - (h) What are the characteristics of *sthitaprajña*? 2

SECTION-II

2. Answer any *six* questions from the following: 5×6=30
- (a) Discuss the importance of the *Vedas* as the foundation of Indian philosophy. 5
 - (b) Distinguish between *Saprapañca Brahman* and *Niṣprapañca Brahman*. 5
 - (c) Write a short note on the nature of *mukti* in the *upaniṣads*. 5
 - (d) What is *turīya* stage of *ātman* according to *upaniṣads*? 5
 - (e) What is the meaning of Karmayoga according to *Bhagavadgītā*? 5
 - (f) How *karma* and *bhakti* are related? 5
 - (g) “*Caturvarṇam mayā sṛṣṭam guṇakarmavigāścaḥ*” 4(13) — Explain the above verse following *Bhagavadgītā*. 5
 - (h) What is the importance of *Bhagavadgītā* in our practical life? 5

SECTION-III

3. Answer any *two* questions of the following: 10×2=20
- (a) What is the meaning of the term *Vedas*? Discuss in brief about the different sections of *Vedas*. 2+8
 - (b) Discuss the upaniṣadic concept of *Brahman*. 10
 - (c) Discuss the concept of *niṣkāma karma* as stated in the *Bhagavadgītā*. 10
 - (d) What are the characteristics of a *bhakta* according to *Bhagavadgītā*? 10