

M. A. 3rd Semester Examination, 2024

PHILOSOPHY

(Philosophy of Language : Indian and Western)

PAPER – PHI-301

Full Marks : 50

Time : 2 hours

Answer all questions

The figures in the right hand margin indicate marks

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable

A . Answer any two questions : 10 × 2

1. What is *sābdabodha* ? What are the causes of *sābdabodha* ? Discuss in this context the *prāchīna Nyāya* theory of *yogyatā* following *Bhāṣāpariccheda*.
2 + 3 + 5
2. State and explain *abhihitānvayavāda* as a theory of sentence meaning.

(Turn Over)

3. How is Russell's theory of definite descriptions related to his logical atomism? Discuss and give reason for your answer.
4. Explain, after Wittgenstein's *Philosophical Investigations*, the statement "Don't ask for the meaning, ask for the use".

B. Answer any *four* questions : 5 × 4

5. Write a short note on *ākāṁkṣā* as a necessary cause of sentence meaning.
6. Briefly discuss Navya-Nyāya theory of *śaktivāda*.
7. Is *nilo gataḥ dravyam pataḥ* meaningful? Justify your answer in the context of *āsatti* following *Bhāṣāpariccheda*.
8. What is locutionary aspect of speech according to J.L. Austin? Briefly explain.

9. Briefly explain Wittgenstein's picture theory of meaning.
10. Discuss, in brief, Frege's notion of sense and reference.

[Internal Assessment – 10 Marks]

