

Major Examination
HUL 252 “Introduction to Classical Indian Philosophy”
Thursday, 3 May 2007 8: 00 A.M. -10: 00 A.M.
Total Marks- 30

1. Pose one philosophical question of your own, and answer it.

Note:

If you wish to repeat the question you had attempted in Minor I/Minor II, then, you must along with your answer write a short explanation on:

- a. How the question you are currently posing, is differently formulated from the one you had posed earlier. Bring out the nuances.
- b. You must also write if, as a student of Philosophy, your manner of asking philosophically significant questions has altered? Explain with examples).

10 marks

2. Attempt one (i or ii)

i. Compare and contrast the Philosophical point embedded in any two of the quotes given below:

- a. *The Bhagavad-Gita says:*

where there is one, that one is Me, where there are many, all are Me.

- b. *The Qur'an says:*

Whithersoever ye turn there is the presence of Allah. For Allah is All-Pervading All-Knowing.

- c. *The great poet and mystic Kabir wrote:*

O servant, where dost thou seek Me? Lo! I am beside thee.

The Chishti poet, Amir Khusrau wrote:

Love came and spread like blood in my veins and the skin of me,

It filled me with the Friend and completely emptied me.

The Friend has taken over all parts of my existence,

Only my name remains, as all is He.

d. *The Brhadâranyaka Upanishad says :*

Om asato mâ sad gamaya

tamaso mâ jyotir gamaya

mrtyor mâ amritam gamaya

Om shanti shanti shantihi

(translation below)

Oh wondrous One,

Lead us from the unreal to the Real!

Lead us from darkness to Light!

Lead us from death to Immortality!

Peace, Peace, Peace.

10 marks

OR

ii. Pose a question from reading no's VI to IX and formulate an analytical answer to it.

10 marks

3. Explain the teachings and general historical outlines of Sufism of Hazrat Nizamuddin Auliya and his disciple Amir Khusrau. How has *self* been defined in Sufism? Draw distinctions between the various understandings of *self* in Indian thought.

10 marks

OR

What is the relationship between 'craving' and 'suffering'? Explain, elaborate and critique as to how this is explained in Indian Philosophy.

10 marks