



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – PHILOSOPHY

FOURTH SEMESTER – APRIL 2017

PI 4811–VEDĀNTA

Date: 05/04/2017
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Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Part-A

Answer the following

(6 x 6=36)

1. Write the hymn of *nāsadīyasūkta* and explain its meaning.
2. Explain the meaning of *adhyāsa* with an appropriate example.
3. How is *pratyakṣa* an *anupramāṇa* according to Dvaita?
4. Define the meaning of *tattvatraya* in Śrī Vaiṣṇavism
5. Explain the *mounadīkṣa* of Rāmaṇa Maharishi.
6. What are the significant contributions of Abhishiktānanda?

Part-B

Answer the following

(4x16=64)

7. A) Name the *māhavākyas* and explain their significance. **(8 marks)**
B) Trace the Upanishadic understanding of Brahman being identified with Ātman. **(8 marks)**
OR
C) Transliterate the verse 237 of *Vivekacūḍāmaṇi*. **(4 marks)**
D) What are the fourfold *sādhana*s advocated by *Vivekacūḍāmaṇi*? **(4 marks)**
E) Explain the theoretical propositions of Advaita according to K.H. Potter. **(8 marks)**
8. A) Explore the epistemological insights of Madhva. **(8 marks)**
B) How do 'truth' and 'reality' of the Advaita doctrine differ that of the Dvaita? **(8 marks)**
OR
C) Bring out the Dvaita understanding of *viśeṣa*. **(8 marks)**
D) How is Śruti non-personal, eternal and self-valid according to Madhva? **(8 marks)**
according to Madhva?
9. A) Explain the *navavidha bhakti* of the Śrī Vaiṣṇava tradition **(8 marks)**
B) What is self (*cit*) according to Viśiṣṭādvaita? **(8 marks)**
OR
C) How do the *vaḍagalai* Śrī Vaiṣṇavites differ from the *teṅgalai* sect? **(16 marks)**
10. A) Discuss the relevance of Swami Vivekananda's understanding of Vedānta. **(16 marks)**
OR
B) Enumerate the experiential knowledge one gains by the exposure to the traditional Vedāntic thinkers (Śaṅkara, Madhva & Rāmaṇuja). **(16 marks)**
