

**BA EXAMINATION 2003**

for Internal Students

This paper is also taken by Combined Studies Students

**PHILOSOPHY**

Optional subject (k): Indian Philosophy

Friday, May 9th, 2003, 10.00 am - 1.00 pm.

Answer THREE questions. Avoid overlap in your answers.

1. Evaluate the role of conceptual construction (kalpanā) in Dīṅhāga's theory of perception.
2. Comment on the significance of the second condition in Dīṅhāga's 'triple-condition' theory of inference. Is it redundant?
3. 'If such and such objects are established for you through the pramāṅas, tell me how those pramāṅas are established for you.' Identify the author and evaluate the Nyāya responses to this challenge.
4. Is Nāgārjuna's emptiness thesis (sĒnyatā) self-refuting?
5. The Nyāya school claims that only a wise one (āpta) can deliver knowledge by means of words (śabda). Who is an āpta?
6. Is it intelligible to think that you are identical with God?
7. Critically examine the notion of duty (dharma) as it is presented in the Bhagavad Gītā.
8. Discuss the relationship between the understanding of self (ātman) and the doctrine of non-violence (ahiṅsā) with reference to some particular school.
9. Gandhi describes situations in which violence is acceptable. Discuss with reference to the concept of non-violence (ahiṅsā).
10. Discuss the notion of 'fullness' in the Upaniṅads.

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