

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

BA EXAMINATION

for Internal Students

This paper is also taken by Combined Studies Students

PHILOSOPHY

Optional Subject (k): Indian Philosophy

Answer THREE questions.

1. Does Gotama confuse the definition of perception with the definition of veridical perception in the *Nyayasutra*?
2. Describe Mimāmsā realism against the background of Kumārila's critique of Yogācāra.
3. Outline the Abhidharma account of experience. What is the status of dense-data in that account?
4. Does Vasubandhu provide a refutation of realism in his argument against atomism?
5. EITHER (a) Evaluate the relative merits of the Yogacara/Vijnanavada and Advaita views on the analogy of dreaming in the argument over the existence of the external world.

OR (b) Why is Advaita not a form of realism?
6. Can one discern any logical structure in the Vaisesika system of categories?
7. Describe and evaluate Vaisesika atomism.
8. What are the Vaisesika criteria for distinguishing genuine universals? Are they adequate?
9. In what sense is Dinnaga's apoha theory a form of nominalism?

10. What is meant by the 'emptiness of emptiness', if anything at all?

11. Critically examine the tetralemma in Nagarjuna's logical theory.

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