

**PRESIDENCY COLLEGE  
PHILOSOPHY HONOURS  
Admission Test, 2009**

Full Marks: 100

Time : 2 hrs.

Answer Q.no. 3 in English and rest in English or Bengali.

1. Answer the following questions in brief : 5x5=25

- i) Discuss the meaning of the term 'Philosophy'.
- ii) What do you mean by epistemology as a branch of philosophy.
- iii) Distinguish between Astika( Orthodox) and Nastika( Heterodox) schools of Indian Philosophy.
- iv) Clarify the meaning of the term "Darsana" in the context of Indian Philosophy.
- v) Name the schools of Indian Philosophy who believe in Law of Karma. Is there any school of Indian thought who denounces it?

2. Write an essay on : **Terrorism in India : Past and Present ( not exceeding 250 words)** 25

3. Make a summary of the following passage in your own words : 25

....there are solid scientific reasons supporting the basic insight of quantum field theory-namely that the primary elements of reality are the underlying fields, which we've learned fill all space and time. Physicists are close to proving that all these fields arise from a primary field. If true, it could be argued that this primary field, having spawned the universe, is now present at the very fabric of space throughout the universe. Would this field therefore be orchestrating the very foundational aspects of at least everything physical? Remember also Bohm's logical notion of the implicate order, which can enfold the primary field and consciousness. Think of the cosmic potentiality of the consciousness in pre-space, where all potentialities are presumed to be in quantum coherence, and it is reasonable to assume the feasibility of just one source, as envisioned by the world's various spiritual traditions. We have to keep in mind that science is always a work in progress. Centuries or even decades from now, new vistas are sure to open up in the scientific landscape. It may then provide a better answer to "why" questions. For now it is amazing that science is meeting the core of religion and that the two are stimulating each other, as Einstein believed they always would.

4. Answer the following questions briefly :

- i)a). Nothing is perfect and b). No man is perfect-what are the terms/concepts involved in a).&b).  
Give reasons. 3
- ii) 'Ram will go or Shyam will go' --being an alternative statement, is true, under the condition that exactly only one of the constituent propositions is true, what truth value (true/false) combination of the constituent propositions makes it true ? 2
- iii). You read ,therefore you pass --construct an argument with the missing premiss. 2

- iv). Use a single term in two different senses and two different words in the same sense (make sentences). 2
- v). There is a rule that if p then q ,and if q then r, it follows that if p then r -- give a concrete example of this rule . 3
- vi). Give two reasons which may go against killing animals for food . 3
- vii). What is the probability of getting a head if one tosses a coin which has two sides as head ? 2
- viii). Name two philosophers who were renowned mathematicians too . 2
- ix). What is the next number in the sequence (Fill in the blank) : 1,100,33,68,65,36,97, \_ . 2
- x). If ear is related to air , then what is to be related with eye ? 2
- xi). Find the odd man out : philosopher, poet, thinker, printer. 2