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Buddhist Philosophy BUPH E -1015

Philosophical Background in India and Fundamental thought of Buddhism

Answer five (5) Questions only

(10) Questions

03 hours

- 01 Elucidate with reference to *Nasādiya sūtra* the inquisitiveness of the Vedic people concerning origin of the universes.
- 02 Taking the *Rita* concept as a base clarify how the traditional concept of polytheism was employed to apply to social morality.
- 03 "The *Aranyaka* age depicts the transition of the Indian religious thought from the path of ritual to that of knowledge. Justify.
- 04 Point out using evidence from *vedic* literature how concept of Brahman and Atman methodically evolved.
- 05 Elucidate with reference to teaching of six famous Masters the philosophy of *sasvatavāda* and *Uchchedavāda*.
- 06 Show with reference to primary sources justification for considering the teaching of the three characteristics as the universal doctrine.
- 07 Clarify the relevance of the fundamental teaching of *paṭicca samuppāda* in the analysis of psychological and social problems.
- 08 Analyse with reference to primary source how noble eightfold could be utilized for mundane and super mundane.
- 09 Support the statement that the Buddhist teaching of *kamma* does not negate individual ability and freewill.
- 10 Write adequate notes on any two of following
 - i Creation theory
 - iii Analysis of *khanda*, *Āyatana* and *Dhātu*
 - ii Causeless theory
 - iv *Cetanaham Bhikkave Kammaṃ vadāmi*