

**Q.P. Code: 28463**

Time: 2 Hours

Total Marks: 60

- N.B. (1) All questions are compulsory  
(2) All questions carry equal marks.

1. Examine the concept of Nirguṇa Brahman and bring out some of its characteristics. Do you think Śankaracharya is a crypto Buddhist? Discuss.
  
2. Explain the notion of viśwa, taijjasa and prājna and its relation to conscious mental states as explored in the Māndūkya Upaniṣad.

OR

2. Bring out the distinction between parā and aparā vidyā as discussed in the Muṇḍāka Upaniṣad.
  
3. Examine the nature and characteristics of Māyā. Bring out the differences between Māyā and Avidyā.

OR

3. Explain Vivartavāda as a theory of causation
  
4. Discuss fully Śankaracharya's views on the bondage and liberation.

OR

4. Does Ethics have any place in Śankaracharya's Advaita vedānta? Examine.

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