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H O M E A S S I G N M E N T
M. A. in Philosophy
(PREVIOUS – 2012-2013)

*Guidelines for Submission***:**

1. Write your name, session, roll number, the topic selected and the title of the answer *clearly on the top.*
2. Each of the two topics given in each paper will be answered as **two essays** of *not more than 500 words each*. There will be negative marking for writing in excess of the word-limit.
3. Each answer (essay) carries a weightage of **10 marks**. (10 marks x 2 essays = 20 marks).
4. Keep a margin of about 1 inch on each side of the page.
5. You can submit the essay written in your own hand-writing on clean, foolscap sheets, or A-4 sized paper.
6. In case you prefer to submit type-written answers, make sure that there are no typing errors which will deduct from the overall impression.
7. Do not submit commercially purchased answers as such a practice is deemed to be unfair.
8. Submit your assignment by **31ˢᵗ December, 2012**.

Paper I: Indian Philosophy
1. Explain the Nyaya Theory of perception.   10

2. Explain the Samkhya Theory of Causation.   10

Paper II: Western Classical Philosophy
1. Bring out the significance of Descartes' Statement "Cogito ergo sum".   10

2. Bring out the significance of Kant's Copernican Revolution.   10

Paper III: Contemporary Western Philosophy
1. Bring out the salient features of existentialism of Sartre.   10

2. Explain and examine Moore's refutation of idealism.   10

Paper IV: Ethics
1. Give a critical account of Aristotle's ethical theory.   10

2. Is Goodness a quality? Discuss with reference to G.E. Moore.   10

Paper V: Logic
1. Explain with reference to Ambrose and Lazerowitz the fundamental ideas of logic.
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Or
What is Truth Function? Explain the Basic Truth Functions.   10

2. What is a set? Explain the following sets-set intersection, set union and set difference.   10

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