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IV Semester B.A. Degree (C.B.C.S.S. – O.B.E. – Supplementary/
Improvement) Examination, April 2026
(2020 to 2023 Admissions)
CORE COURSE IN PHILOSOPHY
4B05 PHI – Ancient Indian Philosophy

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 40

PART – A
(Short Answer)

Answer **all** questions. **Each** answer carries **1** mark.

1. Define polytheism.
2. Name four Vedas.
3. Define jiva.
4. Write a note on lokayata.
5. What are nastikadarsanas ?
6. Name the pramana accepted by Carvaka.

(6×1=6)

PART – B
(Short Essay)

Answer **any six** questions. **Each** answer carries **2** marks.

7. Explain tatvamas.
8. Differentiate between astika and nastikadarsanas.
9. Briefly explain the status of soul in Buddhism.
10. Describe jaina view of dharma.
11. Explain ritualism in the Vedas.
12. Discuss the notion of karma according to the upanisads.
13. Explain sukshmasarira.
14. Discuss the status of soul in Carvaka philosophy.

(6×2=12)

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PART – C
(Essay)

Answer **any four** questions. **Each** answer carries **3** marks.

15. Explain Buddhist theory of causation.
16. Describe nairatmyavada.
17. Write a note on the three levels of consciousness as explained in mandukyaupanisad.
18. Explain the characteristics of stitaprajna.
19. Write a short note on four noble truths.
20. Briefly explain naturalistic polytheism.

(4×3=12)

PART – D
(Long Essay)

Answer **any two** questions. **Each** answer carries **5** marks.

21. Give an elaborate account of upanisadic conception of liberation.
22. Explain the social significance of nishkama karma.
23. Write an essay on Jaina categories.
24. Bring out the significance of materialism as expounded by Carvaka. (2×5=10)