

MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY EXAMINATION, 2022

Department of Philosophy

First Year, First Semester

Research Methodology

Answer *either* in English or in Bengali.

Time: Two Hours

Full Marks: 30

Answer any **one** from each group

Group A (Indian)

1. What are the different steps necessary for conducting research on any subject? Discuss. Are these steps followed in the case of conducting research in the area of Indian philosophy? Discuss with a suitable example. 5 + 6 + 4

OR

2. Is the method followed in the classical period of Indian philosophy same as the method followed in the pre-classical period? If not, why was such change necessary? Discuss with suitable examples. 5 + 10

Group B (Western)

3. Would you consider the use of commonsense to be an acceptable philosophical method? Answer critically. 15

OR

4. What is the need for standardisation in research? Do you think that the three research designs are adequate to address research in all domains of knowledge? Which amongst the three research designs is/are appropriate for research in academic philosophy and why?

5+5+5