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FIRST YEAR (100 LEVEL) EXAMINATION IN BACHELOR OF ARTS
(EXTERNAL NEW SYLLABUS) APRIL 2017

BPHE 101: PRE-BUDDHIST PHILOSOPHICAL BACKGROUND

Answer **FIVE** questions only,

(The total number of questions in this paper is 10)

(Three Hours)

1. Examine how nature worship developed into various religious beliefs.
2. Elucidate the characteristics of Vedic devas and their relationship with the concept of Rta.
3. Give an account of sacrificial rites depicted in the Vedic texts and the Buddha's own interpretations of such rituals.
4. Make an inquiry into the origin and development of the concept of self (ātma) found in the Upaniṣadic texts.
5. Critically comment on the Brahmanic view "the truth with regard to the external world is the Brahman".
6. Give a critical account of mokṣa and mokṣa-mārga found in the Upaniṣadic texts.

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7. Examine the main characteristics of the śramaṇa tradition and discuss how these traditions are different from the Buddhist tradition.

8. Point out the extreme views in India and their main characteristics by the time of the Buddha.

9. Explain with reference to the canonical discourses the Buddha's comments on the six main contemporary teachers.

10. Examine the metaphysical questions that represent the pre-Buddhist teachings and the Buddha's comments on them.

