

**CENTRE FOR DISTANCE AND ONLINE EDUCATION
SRI SRI UNIVERSITY, CUTTACK
MASTER OF ARTS (HINDU STUDIES)
TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT**

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Course Name: Vaad Parampara

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Total Marks: 100

**A. Answer any eight questions (Essay Type). Answer in about 350–500 words each.
(10 × 8 = 80)**

1. Explain the importance of Vād-Paramparā in Indian intellectual tradition. Discuss how structured debate helped in the preservation and development of knowledge.
2. What is Śāstrārtha? Explain its objectives, methods and importance in philosophical discussions. Distinguish it from ordinary argument or quarrel.
3. Describe the different stages of Adhikaraṇa. Explain Viśaya, Saṃśaya, Pūrvapakṣa, Uttarapakṣa and Siddhānta with suitable examples.
4. Explain the role of Pratijñā and Hetu in Indian debate tradition. Why are proposition and reasoning necessary for valid discussion?
5. Discuss the nature and purpose of Vād, Jalpa and Vitaṇḍā. Compare their methods and relevance in modern academic and social discussions.
6. Explain the traditional organisation of knowledge in Hindu Śāstra literature. Discuss Sūtra, Bhāṣya, Vārtika, Vṛtti, Ṭikā and Ṭippanī with examples.
7. What is Tatparya? Explain the Ṣaḍ-liṅga method used for determining the intended meaning of scriptural texts.
8. Explain Padaik-vākya and Vākyaikavākyatā. Discuss the importance of word meaning and sentence meaning in interpretation.

9. Discuss Tantra-yukti as a research methodology in Indian knowledge systems. Explain its importance in scientific and philosophical inquiry.

10. Explain the importance of Vedāᅅgas and Pāᅇha-paddhati in preserving the sound and meaning of the Vedas.

B. Write short notes on any four. Answer in about 150–200 words each.

(5 × 4 = 20)

1. Kathā and its educational importance
2. Difference between Vād and Jalpa
3. Saᅅśaya as the beginning of inquiry
4. Sūtra literature in Indian philosophy
5. ᅇᅇkā and ᅇᅇpaᅅᅇ
6. Nyāyika-prakriyā and decision-making