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TDC (CBCS) Even Semester Exam., 2019

PHILOSOPHY

(2nd Semester)



Course No. : PHIHCC-201T

[Epistemology and Metaphysics (Western)]

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 28

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

UNIT—I

1. Answer any two questions : 2×2=4

(a) What does the term 'philosophy' mean?

(b) What is axiology concerned with?

(c) What is metaphysics?

Answer either Q. No. 2 or Q. No. 3 :

2. Elaborate the nature and scope of philosophy. 10

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3. Describe the ways in which philosophical knowledge can be utilized to solve practical problems. 10

UNIT—II

4. Answer any two questions : 2×2=4
- (a) Why is opinion not knowledge according to Plato?
- (b) Can matter or form exist separately from each other according to Aristotle?
- (c) Which Platonic idea is at the top of hierarchy?

Answer either Q. No. 5 or Q. No. 6 :

5. Explain Plato's theory of ideas. 10
6. Explain Aristotle's theory of causation. 10

UNIT—III

7. Answer any two questions : 2×2=4
- (a) What is an innate idea according to Descartes?
- (b) Why is the mind called *tabula rasa* by the empiricists?

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- (c) Which theory of knowledge does reconcile the rival claims of rationalism and empiricism?

Answer either Q. No. 8 or Q. No. 9 :

8. Explain Immanuel Kant's theory of knowledge. Can this theory offer a better explanation of knowledge than those of rationalism and empiricism? 7+3=10
9. Who advocated intuitionism? How does intuitionism explain the origin of knowledge? 1+9=10

UNIT—IV

10. Answer any two questions : 2×2=4
- (a) What is naive realism?
- (b) How does representationalism explain error or illusion?
- (c) Can Berkeley's idealism be called solipsism?

Answer either Q. No. 11 or Q. No. 12 :

11. Discuss John Locke's theory of realism. Does this theory open the way for idealism? 7+3=10

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12. How is knowledge related to reality? Explain after Hegel. 10

UNIT—V

13. Answer any two questions : 2×2=4

(a) What is perceptual space?

(b) What is substance?

(c) Define cause.

Answer either Q. No. 14 or Q. No. 15 :

14. Discuss different philosophical views on the nature of space and time. 10

15. Do cause and effect bear a relation of necessary connection? Describe David Hume's position on this point. 10
