



2022/TDC/ODD/SEM/PHIHCC-301T/055

TDC (CBCS) Odd Semester Exam., 2022

PHILOSOPHY

(Honours)

(3rd Semester)

Course No. : PHIHCC-301T

(History of Modern Western Philosophy)

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 of the following questions : $2 \times 2 = 4$

(a) What is Substance according to Descartes?

(b) Is Descartes' 'cogito ergo sum' an inference?

(c) What according to Descartes can never be doubted? Does Descartes believe in the existence of God?



(2)

2. Discuss briefly the philosophical method of Descartes. 10

Or

Explain briefly the different types of ideas as advocated by Descartes. What is Descartes' ontological proof for the existence of God? 5+5=10

UNIT—II

3. Answer any two of the following questions : 2×2=4

- (a) What is Pantheism as advocated by Spinoza?
(b) What is the definition of attribute according to Spinoza?
(c) What is Substance according to Leibnitz?

4. Explain briefly substance, attribute and modes as advocated by Spinoza. 10

Or

Write a short essay on Leibnitz's monadology.

UNIT—III

5. Answer any two of the following questions : 2×2=4

- (a) Who first criticized the doctrine of innate ideas? Name one famous book written by him.

(3)

- (b) Who distinguishes between primary qualities and secondary qualities? Are primary qualities subjective according to Berkeley?

- (c) What is the meaning of 'esse est percipi'?

6. What are innate ideas? Explain briefly Locke's refutation of innate ideas. 10

Or

Is Hume a sceptic? Discuss briefly.

UNIT—IV

7. Answer any two of the following questions : 2×2=4

- (a) What is Synthetic Unity of apperception?
(b) "Kant is a Transcendental idealist." Why?
(c) What is synthetic proposition? Give an example of synthetic 'judgement a priori'.

8. Is synthetic a priori judgement possible? Give justification after Kant. 10

Or

"Understanding makes nature." Discuss briefly after Kant.



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UNIT—V

9. Answer any two of the following questions : $2 \times 2 = 4$

(a) “Whatever is rational is real and whatever is real is rational.” Who said this? What does it mean?

(b) Mention Hegel’s three stages of the dialectical process.

(c) Give any one criticism of Hegel’s objective idealism.

10. Explain briefly dialectical method of Hegel. 10

Or

Briefly discuss the doctrine of dialectical materialism as advocated by Marx.
