



2022/TDC/ODD/SEM/PHIHCC-501T/060

TDC (CBCS) Odd Semester Exam., 2022

PHILOSOPHY

(Honours)

(5th Semester)

Course No. : PHIHCC-501T

(Contemporary 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 :

2×2=4

- (a) What is sense data according to Russell?
- (b) By 'proposition' Russel means any symbolic form-words, thoughts symbols, or gestures, which can express what may be said to be true or false. Is it true?
- (c) What is Russell's theory of definite description?



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2. Discuss the relation between logic and philosophy as described by Russell. 10

Or

Explain Russell's view on 'logical atomism'. 10

UNIT—II

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

- (a) Name two logical positivists.
- (b) What are the two sources of knowledge according to logical positivists?
- (c) Why do logical positivists deny metaphysics?

4. Write a short essay on 'principle of verification'. 10

Or

Critically discuss logical positivists' view of elimination of metaphysics. 10

UNIT—III

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

- (a) Name two important books of Wittgenstein.

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(b) Who said, "Philosophy is a battle against the bewitchment of intelligence by language"?

(c) What is family resemblance?

6. Explain briefly picture theory of meaning as advocated by Wittgenstein. 10

Or

Explain critically language game theory of Wittgenstein. 10

UNIT—IV

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

- (a) Mention two characteristics of any phenomenological enquiry.
- (b) An essential feature of the phenomenological method is its technique of 'bracketing'. Do you agree with this feature?
- (c) What are the two main approaches of phenomenology?

8. Write an essay on phenomenological standpoint. 10



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Or
Discuss intentionality of consciousness from phenomenological point of view. 10

UNIT—V

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

(a) Mention two characteristics of existentialism.

(b) What are the two types of existentialism?

(c) What is atheistic existentialism?

10. Discuss the salient features of theistic existentialism. 10

Or

“Existence precedes essence.” Discuss. 10
