



**2023/FYUG/ODD/SEM/
PHIDSC-102T/002**

**FYUG Odd Semester Exam., 2023
(Held in 2024)**

PHILOSOPHY

(1st Semester)

Course No. : PHIDSC-102T

(Epistemology and Metaphysics : Western)

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 28

Time : 3 hours

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

SECTION—A

**Answer ten questions, selecting any two from
each Unit : 2×10=20**

UNIT—I

- 1. What is epistemology?**
- 2. What is ontology? Is ontology synonymous with metaphysics?**
- 3. What are the main branches of philosophy?
Which branch of philosophy is dealt with value?**



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UNIT—II

4. How many types of knowledge are there according to Plato? Name them.
5. Name two dialogues of Plato in which he talked about theory of knowledge.
6. How many realities are there according to Aristotle? Name them.

UNIT—III

7. What, according to empiricism, is the source of knowledge? Name one modern empiricist philosopher. 1+1=2
8. Who is the author of the book, *Critique of Pure Reason*? What kind of revolution did he bring in philosophy? 1+1=2
9. How does John Locke refute the Doctrine of Innate ideas? Mention two grounds.

UNIT—IV

10. Why is Locke's theory of realism called representationalism?
11. Write two points of difference between realism and idealism.
12. "Whatever is rational is real and whatever is real is rational." Who said this? Name the theory associated with him. 1+1=2



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UNIT—V

13. What do you mean by conceptual time?
14. "Space and Time are empirically real but transcendently ideal." Who said this? Why did he say so?
15. What is the popular view of causality?

SECTION—B

Answer *five* questions, selecting *one* from each Unit :

$$10 \times 5 = 50$$

UNIT—I

16. What is philosophy? Discuss the nature and scope of philosophy. $2+4+4=10$
17. Elucidate upon the concept of applied philosophy. Explain the areas in which practical application of philosophical knowledge is seen. $4+6=10$

UNIT—II

18. What, according to Plato is the ultimate reality? Can the 'Ideas' of Plato be known by experience? Explain Plato's theory of Ideas. $1+1+8=10$
19. What does Aristotle mean by cause? Explain Aristotle's theory of causation. $2+8=10$



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UNIT—III

20. Discuss rationalism as a theory of knowledge.
What are the criticisms levelled against it? $7+3=10$
21. Explain Kant's critical theory of knowledge. Does
the critical theory of Kant reconcile rationalism
and empiricism? $8+2=10$

UNIT—IV

22. Who coined the term 'Naive realism'? Discuss
Naive realism as a theory of reality. What are the
criticisms levelled against it? $1+7+2=10$
23. What is solipsism? Was Berkeley a solipsist?
Explain and examine Berkeley's theory of
subjective idealism. $1+1+8=10$

UNIT—V

24. Explain the different philosophical views on the
nature of substance.
25. Does Hume believe that there is a necessary
connection between cause and its effect?
Critically examine Hume's theory of causation.
 $1+9=10$

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