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TDC (CBCS) Even Semester Exam., 2024

PHILOSOPHY

(4th Semester)

Course No. : PHIDSC/GEC-401T

[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 four of the following questions : $1 \times 4 = 4$

(a) "The method of philosophy is critical." Is it true?

(b) What does metaphysics deal with?

(c) "Philosophy is the science and criticism of cognition." Who said this?

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(d) What is the meaning of the term 'epistemology'?

(e) Who identified philosophy with epistemology?

2. Answer any *one* of the following questions : 2

(a) What is axiology?

(b) Mention two points of difference between epistemology and metaphysics.

3. (a) Explain the nature and scope of philosophy. 4+4=8

Or

(b) What is applied philosophy? Explain the nature and concern of applied philosophy. 2+6=8

UNIT—II

4. Answer any *four* of the following questions : 1×4=4

(a) Name one dialogue of Plato.

(b) Is opinion knowledge according to Plato?

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(c) What are the realities according to Aristotle?

(d) Give an example of material cause.

(e) Can the ideas of Plato be known by experience?

5. Answer any *one* of the following questions : 2

(a) Mention two characteristics of ideas according to Plato.

(b) How many types of causes are admitted by Aristotle? Name them.

6. (a) What, according to Plato, is the source of knowledge? Explain Plato's theory of knowledge. 1+7=8

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(b) Do form and matter exist separately according to Aristotle? Explain Aristotle's theory of reality. 1+7=8

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UNIT—III

7. Answer any *four* of the following questions : $1 \times 4 = 4$

- (a) Which theory holds that reason is the only source of valid knowledge?
- (b) According to whom, all our ideas are innate?
- (c) "Percepts without concepts are blind, and concepts without percepts are empty." Who said this?
- (d) Who advocated intuitionism as a theory of knowledge?
- (e) What are the forms of sensibility according to Kant?

8. Answer any *one* of the following questions : 2

- (a) How many ideas are admitted by Descartes? Name them.
- (b) Why is Kant's theory of knowledge called 'critical theory of knowledge'?

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9. (a) Critically explain empiricism as a theory of the origin of knowledge. 8

Or

(b) What is intuitionism? How does Bergson reject intellect as a source of knowledge? $2+6=8$

UNIT—IV

10. Answer any *four* of the following questions : $1 \times 4 = 4$

- (a) "The mind at birth is 'tabula rasa'." Who said this?
- (b) Can naive realism explain error?
- (c) According to which theory, the existence of the external world is mind-dependent?
- (d) What is solipcism?
- (e) Who said that all qualities are secondary?

11. Answer any *one* of the following questions : 2

- (a) Who advocated 'esse-est-percipi'? What does it mean?
- (b) What is naive realism? Why is it called popular realism?

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12. (a) Explain and examine Locke's theory of realism. Why is it called representationalism? 6+2=8

Or

- (b) Who advocated objective idealism? Explain in detail the theory of objective idealism. 1+7=8

UNIT—V

13. Answer any *four* of the following questions : 1×4=4

- (a) "Substance is 'unknown substratum'." Who said this?
(b) Does Hume believe in substance?
(c) How many dimensions does time have?
(d) Who denies causal relation as a necessary connection?
(e) Are space and time real?

14. Answer any *one* of the following questions : 2

- (a) What is perceptual space?
(b) What are the three dimensions of space?

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15. (a) What is substance? Explain in detail the different philosophical views on the nature of substance. 2+6=8

Or

- (b) Who regards 'cause is subjective'? Explain critically Hume's theory of causation. 1+7=8

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