

FYUG Odd Semester Exam., 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*

UNIT—I

1. Answer any two from the following : 2×2=4

(a) What is metaphysics? Mention one fundamental question asked by metaphysicians.

(b) What are the main branches of philosophy? Which branch of philosophy deals with knowledge?

(c) What is axiology? What are the three supreme values dealt with in axiology?

2. (a) What is philosophy? Discuss the nature and scope of philosophy. 2+4+4=10

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Or

- (b) What is applied philosophy? Discuss the nature and scope of applied philosophy. $2+4+4=10$

UNIT—II

3. Answer any two from the following : $2 \times 2 = 4$

- (a) Mention two characteristics of Plato's ideas.
(b) In which dialogue did Plato refute Protagoras' theory of knowledge? Does Plato equate knowledge with opinion?
(c) How many kinds of causes are accepted by Aristotle? Name them.
4. (a) Explain and examine Plato's theory of knowledge. 10

Or

- (b) Explicate Aristotle's metaphysical position with reference to his theory of form and matter.

UNIT—III

5. Answer any two from the following : $2 \times 2 = 4$

- (a) What, according to rationalism, is the source of knowledge? Name one modern rationalist philosopher.

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- (b) "Percepts without concepts are blind and concepts without percepts are empty." Who said this? Name one book written by him.

- (c) What does 'cogito ergo sum' mean? Is the idea of 'tree' an innate idea?

6. (a) Discuss empiricism as a theory of knowledge. Mention four points of distinction between rationalism and empiricism. $6+4=10$

Or

- (b) Critically examine intuitionism as a theory of origin of knowledge. 10

UNIT—IV

7. Answer any two from the following : $2 \times 2 = 4$

- (a) Name any two philosophers associated with the theory of neo-critical realism.
(b) Mention, after Locke, two points of distinction between primary qualities and secondary qualities.
(c) Who advocated subjective idealism? What is the meaning of 'esse est percipi'?

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8. (a) Critically examine Locke's theory of scientific realism or representationalism. 10

Or

- (b) Critically examine Hegel's theory of objective idealism.

UNIT—V

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

- (a) What is the empiricist view on substance?
- (b) How many dimensions does 'time' have?
"Space and Time are empirically real but transcendently ideal." Who said this?
- (c) Define cause. Does Hume consider cause-effect relation as a relation of necessary connection?

10. (a) Discuss the different philosophical views on the nature of Space and Time. 10

Or

- (b) Critically examine Hume's theory of causation.

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