

2021/TDC/EVEN/SEM/PHIP-201/077

TDC Even Semester Exam., 2021

PHILOSOPHY

(Pass)

(2nd Semester)

Course No. : PHIP-201



(Epistemology and Metaphysics : Western)

Full Marks : 50

Pass Marks : 17

Time : 2 hours

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

Answer **five** questions taking *one* from each Unit

UNIT—I

1. (a) Explain Plato's theory of ideas. 6
- (b) What is the metaphysical status of Plato's theory of ideas? 4
2. (a) Briefly expound Aristotle's theory of form and matter. 7
- (b) Can Aristotle's four-fold causes be reduced to form and matter? 3

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UNIT—II

3. (a) What are the arguments against the doctrine of innate ideas offered by John Locke? 4
- (b) Briefly explain the theory of empiricism. 6
4. (a) What are Kant's main objections to rationalism and empiricism? 3
- (b) Explain Kant's critical theory of knowledge. Is it a satisfactory theory? 5+2=7

UNIT—III

5. (a) What is realism? What are its different types? What are the characteristics of naive realism? 2+2+2=6
- (b) Distinguish between primary qualities and secondary qualities. 4
6. (a) What is the meaning of 'esse-est-percipi'? Who advocated this view? 1+1=2
- (b) How does Berkeley develop his subjective idealism from Locke's representationalism? Explain critically. 6+2=8

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UNIT—IV

7. (a) What is a cause according to Aristotle? 2
(b) Explain different kinds of causes according to Aristotle. 8
8. (a) Does David Hume accept necessary connection between cause and effect? Discuss. 7
(b) How does Kant refute Hume's theory of causation? 3

UNIT—V

9. (a) What are the different kinds of substances admitted by Descartes? Are mind and body two distinct entities according to Descartes? $2+1=3$
(b) Explain interactionism as a theory of mind-body relation. Is it a satisfactory theory? $5+2=7$
10. (a) Who advocated parallelism? Are mind and body independent substances according to parallelism? $1+1=2$
(b) Briefly explain Spinoza's views on the mind-body relation. How far is it satisfactory? $6+2=8$

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