

**TDP (Honours) 2nd Semester
Exam., 2015**

**PHILOSOPHY
(Honours)**

SECOND PAPER

Full Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

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

Answer **eight** questions, taking **two** from each Unit

*Candidates are required to give their answers
in their own words as far as practicable*

UNIT—I

1. (a) According to Plato, what is 'opinion'?
(b) "Knowledge is not opinion or belief."
Analyze the statement after Plato.
(c) What is the object of knowledge according to
Plato? Write in short. 2+5+3=10

2. (a) Give in short Aristotle's views on ideas.
(b) Does Aristotle's view is same as Plato's view
on ideas? Write briefly. 5+5=10

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3. (a) Explain with example the doctrine of four-fold causality of Aristotle.
- (b) Does this doctrine admit the plurality of causes? Discuss. 5+5=10

UNIT-II

4. (a) Explain after Descartes the dictum 'cogito ergo sum'.
(b) Discuss the objections raised against this doctrine. 5+5=10
5. (a) Define 'substance' after Spinoza.
(b) Explain the relation between substance and attribute as analyzed by Spinoza. 5+5=10
6. (a) What is the 'law of preestablished harmony' according to Leibnitz?
(b) Point out the important characteristics of Monads as explained by Leibnitz.
(c) Mention the different grades of Monads in brief. 2+5+3=10

UNIT-III

7. (a) Explain the arguments given by Locke to refute innate ideas.
(b) Is Locke's view acceptable? Write briefly.

5+5=10

(3)

8. (a) Explain the dictum 'esse est percipi' following Berkeley.
- (b) Does this dictum give rise to solipsism? Discuss. $5+5=10$
9. (a) Explain Hume's view on causality.
- (b) Is this view free from defects? Discuss in short. $5+5=10$

UNIT—IV

10. (a) Explain with example synthetic a priori judgement.
- (b) Discuss how Kant came to the view that synthetic a priori judgement is possible. $5+5=10$
11. (a) What is the difference between phenomenon and noumenon according to Kant? Explain.
- (b) Why is 'noumenon' unknown and unknowable for him? Discuss. $5+5=10$
12. Explain how Kant considers space as an a priori intuition. 10

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UNIT—I

1. (a) "Sense perception is not knowledge."

Explain this view after Plato.

6+4=10

(b) Justify this theory.

2. (a) Discuss the nature of universal according to
Plato.

(b) What is the relation between universal and
particular? Discuss after Plato.

6+4=10

(2)

3. (a) How does Aristotle distinguish between form and matter? Explain.

(b) Is this distinction justified? Discuss. $5+5=10$

UNIT-II

4. (a) Explain interactionism of Descartes.

(b) Is the theory acceptable? Discuss. $7+3=10$

5. (a) What does Spinoza mean by 'God = Nature'? Explain.

(b) Is this equation tenable? Analyze. $6+4=10$

6. (a) What is law of sufficient reason according to Leibniz?

(b) How the contingent truths of experience would be explained? Discuss after Leibniz.

$5+5=10$

UNIT-III

7. (a) Define 'quality' after Locke.

(b) How many qualities are there according to Locke? Name them.

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- (c) Explain critically the distinction made by Locke between two important kinds of qualities. $2+3+5=10$

8. (a) What is immaterialism?

(b) Explain Berkeley's immaterialism.

(c) Is it acceptable? Mention in brief. $2+5+3=10$

9. (a) Bring out the points of difference between impression and idea after Hume.

(b) There is no idea without impression. Explain this concept according to Hume.

(c) Is there any exception to this rule? Discuss in short. $2+5+3=10$

UNIT—IV

10. (a) What is criticism?

(b) Discuss criticism as a theory of knowledge after Kant.

(c) Is this theory acceptable? $2+5+3=10$

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11. (a) What is 'time' according to Kant?

(b) How Kant proved that, "time is an a priori intuition"? Discuss.

2+8=10

12. How does Kant deduce the categories of understanding? Discuss.

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UNIT—I

1. (a) What is 'knowledge' according to Plato?
(b) In this context, discuss different levels of knowledge as mentioned by Plato. 4+6=10

2. (a) How does Aristotle explain the word 'cause'?
(b) Explain briefly his definition of material cause and efficient cause. 4+3+3=10

3. Discuss the objections raised by Aristotle against Plato's theory of ideas. 10

(2)

UNIT-II

4. (a) Explain Cartesian method of doubt.
(b) Is this final or provisional? Discuss. $7+3=10$
5. (a) Explain Spinoza's parallelism as a theory
of the relation between body and mind.
(b) Is this theory tenable? Discuss. $7+3=10$
6. (a) What does Leibniz mean by
'pre-established harmony' of the
universe?
(b) What is the importance of this principle
in his philosophy? $7+3=10$

UNIT-III

7. Discuss Locke's theory of knowledge with
special reference of its different grades. $5+5=10$
8. (a) How does Berkeley reject abstract ideas?
(b) Is his rejection justified? Discuss. $5+5=10$
9. (a) What is mitigated scepticism?
(b) State briefly Hume's view on mitigated
scepticism. $2+8=10$

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UNIT—IV

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10. (a) Distinguish between analytic and synthetic judgements after Kant.
- (b) Are synthetic a priori judgement possible?
Discuss according to Kant. $5+5=10$
11. (a) What does Kant mean by 'sensibility' and 'understanding'? .
- (b) Sensibility without understanding is blind and understanding without sensibility is empty. Explain after Kant.
 $5+5=10$
12. How does Kant prove that space is empirically real but transcendentally unreal? Discuss. 10

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UNIT—I

- 1. (a)** “Sense perception is not knowledge.”
Explain this view after Plato.

(b) Justify this theory. **6+4=10**

- 2. (a)** Explain with example the Doctrine of
Four-fold Causality of Aristotle.

(b) Does this doctrine admit the plurality of
causes? Discuss. **5+5=10**

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3. (a) How does Aristotle distinguish between form and matter? Explain.

(b) Is this distinction justified? Discuss. 5+5=10

UNIT-II

4. (a) Explain after Descartes the dictum 'cogito ergo sum'.

(b) Discuss the objections raised against this doctrine. 5+5=10

5. (a) What does Spinoza mean by 'God = Nature'? Explain.

(b) Is this equation tenable? Analyze. 6+4=10

6. Discuss after Leibniz the important characteristics of monad. 10

UNIT-III

7. (a) What is meant by 'innate idea'?

(b) How does Locke refute the doctrine of innate idea?

(c) Is Locke's view acceptable? Write briefly.

2+5+3=10

(3)

8. (a) Explain the dictum 'esse est percipi' following Berkeley.
- (b) Does this dictum give rise to solipsism? Discuss. 5+5=10
9. (a) Distinguish between 'impression' and 'idea' after Hume.
- (b) Explain Hume's law of 'No ideas are possible without impression'. 4+6=10
- UNIT—IV
10. (a) What is 'time' according to Kant?
- (b) How does Kant prove that "Time is an 'a priori' intuition"? Discuss. 2+8=10
11. (a) What is the difference between phenomenon and noumenon according to Kant? Explain.
- (b) Why is 'noumenon' unknown and unknowable for him? Discuss. 5+5=10
12. How does Kant deduce the categories of understanding? Discuss. 10

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Answer eight questions, taking two from each Unit

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UNIT—I

- 1. (a)** "Knowledge is not opinion or belief."
Discuss the statement following Plato.

- (b)** Distinguish between knowledge and opinion
according to Plato. **6+4=10**

- 2. (a)** Briefly discuss Plato's theory of form.

- (b)** How does Plato explain the relation between
form and sensible objects? Discuss. **6+4=10**

QUESTION 2-4 (2)

3. Explain and examine Aristotle's criticism of Plato's doctrine of ideas. 7+3=10

UNIT-II

4. (a) Discuss Descartes' arguments for the existence of God.
(b) Are they logically tenable? Discuss. 7+3=10

5. (a) What is mode according to Spinoza?
(b) How are modes related to substance? 4+6=10

6. Critically explain the theory of pre-established harmony after Leibniz. 10

UNIT-III

7. (a) Define quality after Locke.
(b) Explain the distinction made by Locke between primary and secondary qualities. 2+8=10

8. (a) How does Berkeley reject the doctrine of abstract ideas advocated by Locke?
(b) Is this rejection justified? 7+3=10

(3)

9. (a) How does Hume deny causality as a necessary relation?
 (b) Explain his view about regularity theory of causation.

5+5=10

UNIT—IV

10. (a) What is synthetic a priori judgement?
 (b) "Synthetic a priori judgement is possible."
 Discuss after Kant.

4+6=10

11. How does Kant prove that 'space is an a priori intuition'? Discuss. 10

12. Explain critically the role of sensibility and understanding in respect of Kant's theory of knowledge. 8+2=10

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