

4/PHI-251 Syllabus-2023

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(May-June)

FYUP : 4th Semester Examination

PHILOSOPHY

(History of Modern Western Philosophy)

(PHI-251)

Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

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

Answer any five questions

1. What do you understand by the term 'method'? Elucidate Descartes' 'methodic doubt' as a means of attaining clear and distinct knowledge. 3+12=15

2. What is Locke's definition of 'ideas' and 'qualities'? How does Locke distinguish between primary qualities and secondary qualities of substance? How far is this distinction justified? 4+8+3=15

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3. What is the meaning of 'esse est percipi' according to Berkeley? How does Berkeley establish 'esse est percipi'? Discuss. 3+12=15
4. What is Leibniz's definition of 'monad'? Explain in brief Leibniz's doctrine of 'monads'. 5+10=15
5. Explain Hume's distinction between 'impressions' and 'ideas'. Discuss the importance of this distinction in Hume's philosophy. 5+10=15
6. What is 'cause' according to Hume? Is there any element of necessity in causal relation according to Hume? Discuss. 5+10=15
7. Distinguish between synthetic and analytic judgements. Discuss according to Kant how synthetic a priori judgements are possible. 5+10=15
8. Discuss briefly how Kant distinguishes between Phenomena and Noumena. 15
9. Discuss briefly on Spinoza's concept of substance, attributes and modes. 15

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10. Write short notes on any two of the following : 7½×2=15
 - (a) Hegel's Dialectical Method
 - (b) Cogito Ergo Sum
 - (c) Locke's simple and complex ideas
 - (d) Kant's categories of understanding
