

5/H-20 (v) (Syllabus-2015)

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(October)

PHILOSOPHY

(Honours)

(History of Modern Western Philosophy)

(PHIL : 51)

Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

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

Answer *any five* questions

1. Write an essay on Descartes' method of Doubt. 15
2. How does Spinoza define substance? Is he advocating for monism? Explain the attributes of substance. 2+8+5=15
3. State and examine Leibniz's theory of Monads. Do you think he is consistent in his explanation of God as the Monad of Monads? 10+5=15
4. What does Locke mean by idea? Why did he criticize innate ideas? How does he distinguish between simple and complex ideas? 2+3+10=15

5. Why did Berkeley refute Locke's material substance? Elucidate his doctrine of *esse est percipi*. Does it lead to solipsism? 2+8+5=15
6. Explain the distinction between impressions and ideas with reference to Hume. Can there be complex ideas without complex impressions? 10+5=15
7. Why did Hume reject the idea of necessary connection between cause and effect? Do you agree with him that causal relation is a mere psychological association of ideas? 10+5=15
8. How would you distinguish between synthetic and analytic judgments? Are synthetic *a priori* judgments possible? Discuss with reference to Kant. 7+8=15
9. What do you mean by the term 'dialectic'? Elucidate Hegel's dialectical method. 3+12=15
10. Write notes on any two of the following : 7½×2=15
- (a) Primary qualities and secondary qualities of John Locke
 - (b) Absolute idealism of Hegel
 - (c) Phenomena and noumena of Kant
 - (d) *Cogito ergo sum*

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