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(November-December)

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. What is 'cogito ergo sum'? What are its different implications? Is 'cogito ergo sum' an inference or a pure intuition? Discuss.

3+6+6=15

2. What is the nature of substance according to Spinoza? How are attributes and modes related to substance?

7½+7½=15

3. How does Locke define ideas? Explain with suitable examples, Locke's distinction between simple and complex ideas. 5+10=15
4. What is idealism? Critically examine Berkeley's subjective idealism. 5+10=15
5. Explain clearly Leibniz's theory of monads. How can there be a system of monads if 'monads are windowless'? Discuss briefly. 10+5=15
6. Is there any 'necessary connection' between cause and effect? Discuss with special reference to Hume. 15
7. What, according to Kant, are 'pure concepts'? Discuss Kant's categories of understanding. 5+10=15
8. Distinguish between synthetic and analytic propositions. How are these related to a posteriori and a priori propositions? Are synthetic a priori propositions possible? Discuss with reference to Kant. 4+4+7=15
9. Examine the reality of the phenomenal world in the light of Hegel's absolute idealism. 15

10. Write short notes on any *two* of the following : 7½×2=15

- (a) Cartesian method of doubt
- (b) Primary and secondary qualities
- (c) The significance of Kant's distinction between phenomena and noumena
- (d) Hegel's dialectical method

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