

TDC (CBCS) Even Semester Exam., 2023

PHILOSOPHY

(Honours)

(2nd Semester)

Course No. : PHIHCC-201T

[**Epistemology and Metaphysics (Western)**]

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 28

Time : 3 hours

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

SECTION—A

Answer any ten of the following :

2×10=20

1. What do the two Greek words 'Philos' and 'Sophia' mean? Who defined philosophy as 'the science and criticism of cognition'?
2. What is metaphysics?
3. Mention any two basic questions that are dealt with in axiology.

4. In which dialogue did Plato refute Protagoras' theory of knowledge? Does Plato equate knowledge with opinion?
5. Can the 'Ideas' of Plato be known by experience?
6. How many realities are there according to Aristotle? Name them.
7. What is the meaning of 'Cogito ergo sum'? Is the idea of 'tree' an innate idea?
8. What, according to empiricism, is the source of knowledge? Name one modern empiricist philosopher.
9. Who is the author of the book, *Critique of Pure Reason*? What kind of revolution did he bring in philosophy?
10. Name any two philosophers associated with the theory of neo-critical realism.
11. Mention two points of distinction between primary qualities and secondary qualities.
12. Who advocated subjective idealism? What is the meaning of 'esse est percipi'?
13. What is the empiricist view on substance?

14. How many dimensions does 'Time' have? "Space and Time are empirically real but transcendently ideal." Who said this?
15. Define cause. Does Hume consider cause-effect relation as a relation of necessary connection?

SECTION—B

Answer any five of the following : 10×5=50

16. Discuss the nature and scope of philosophy. 4+6=10
17. What is applied philosophy? Discuss the nature and scope of applied philosophy. 2+3+5=10
18. Discuss Plato's theory of ideas. 10
19. How many causes are accepted by Aristotle? Name them. Discuss Aristotle's theory of causation. 1+2+7=10
20. Elucidate upon Kant's critical theory of knowledge. Does the critical theory of Kant reconcile rationalism and empiricism? 8+2=10
21. On what grounds does Bergson reject intellect as a source of knowledge? Discuss intuitionism as a theory of origin of knowledge. 2+8=10

22. Who coined the term 'Naive Realism'? Discuss Naive Realism as a theory of reality. What are the criticisms levelled against it? 1+5+4=
23. Critically examine Hegel's theory of objective idealism.
24. Discuss the different philosophical views on the nature of Space and Time.
25. Critically examine Hume's theory of causation.

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