

**2023/TDC(CBCS)/ODD/SEM/  
PHIDSE-501T(A/B)/062**

**TDC (CBCS) Odd Semester Exam., 2023**

**PHILOSOPHY**

**( 5th Semester )**

Course No. : PHIDSE-501T

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 28

Time : 3 hours

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

Honours Students will answer Option—A and  
Pass Students will answer Option—B.

**OPTION—A**

For Honours Students

Course No. : PHIDSE-501T (A)

**( Greek Philosophy )**

**SECTION—A**

Answer *twenty* questions, selecting *four* from each

Unit :

1×20=20

**Unit—I**

**1. Who is the father of Greek philosophy?**

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2. Which philosopher is associated with Stoicism?
3. Who was the philosopher named Zeno?
4. What is body according to Pythagoras?
5. Who were the Greek atomist?

UNIT—II

6. What is reality according to Heraclitus?
7. All things come from fire and return to fire. Who said this?
8. Distinction between the appearance and reality, sense and thought is given by whom?
9. Which Greek philosopher had declared that 'one alone is real'?
10. How can we know the one according to Parmenides?

Unit—III

11. Who are the two famous Sophists?
12. 'Homo mensura (man is the measure of all things)' is famous saying of .....

( Fill in the blank )

13. What is knowledge according to Socrates?
14. Who is the father of philosophy?
15. What is Sophists best known for?

Unit—IV

16. Who suggests that ideas are substances, and universals?
17. State one's famous line of Plato.
18. Name the three Springs of human behaviour according to Plato.
19. What is Plato's most famous theory?
20. What is Plato's first book?

Unit—V

21. Who is the teacher of Plato and Aristotle?
22. What are the four causes of Aristotle?
23. What is the central concept of Aristotle's metaphysics?

24. Name the cause which does not belong to Aristotle's philosophy.
25. What does Aristotle call theory of universal?

SECTION—B

Answer *five* questions, selecting *one* from each Unit :

2×5=10

Unit—I

26. What are the four paradoxes of Zeno?
27. What is the Greek origin of the atom?

Unit—II

28. What is the first principle of Heraclitus?
29. Mention two features of 'Being' as presented by Parmenides.

Unit—III

30. What do the Sophists believe?
31. What is Socrates famous for?

Unit—IV

32. What are Plato's three views of justice?
33. What is the importance of justice?

Unit—V

34. What is Aristotle's definition of nature?
35. Define Aristotle's theory of causation.

SECTION—C

Answer *five* questions, selecting *one* from each Unit :

8×5=40

Unit—I

36. Discuss the concept of pre-Socrates philosophy.
37. What was Pythagoreanism? Critically discuss its metaphysics in terms of his number theory. 2+6=8

Unit—II

38. Critically discuss Heraclitus' main philosophy.
39. Why is Parmenides called a rationalist? Explain.

Unit—III

40. Explain Protagoras' theory of knowledge and his ethical relativism.
41. What are the four main ideas of Socrates? Why was Socrates called the father of philosophy?

4+4=8

Unit—IV

42. Explain the relationship between Plato's theory of justice and Ideal State.
43. What are the two types of State as classified by Plato? Discuss its parts.

4+4=8

Unit—V

44. How many causes are there according to Aristotle? Name them. Explain them with example.
45. Explain briefly Aristotle's theory of Form and Matter.

1+2+5=8

OPTION—B

For Pass Students

Course No. : PHIDSE-501T (B)

( Contemporary Western Philosophy )

SECTION—A

Answer *twenty* questions, selecting *four* from each

Unit : 1×20=20

Unit—I

1. What is philosophy according to Russell?
2. Who has written the book, *Principia Mathematica*?
3. Who propounded 'logical atomism'?
4. State principal tools of philosopher advocated by Russell.
5. Can physical object be directly known according to Russell?

Unit—II

6. What is metaphysics?
7. Give any two metaphysical examples.

8. Why do logical positivists not accept the possibility of metaphysics? (Give only one reason.)
9. Does logical positivists accept 'synthetic a priori proposition'?
10. What is the source of knowledge according to logical positivists?

Unit—III

11. What are facts according to Wittgenstein?  
(Only 2/3 lines)
12. Name the philosopher that advocated 'Language-game'.
13. "Later Wittgenstein rejects picture theory." Is it true?
14. "Language is the picture of reality." Who said this?
15. Name one book written by Wittgenstein.

Unit—IV

16. Which point of view is central to the phenomenological method?



17. Who is the founder of phenomenology in philosophy?
18. What is phenomenology?
19. Name one philosopher who influenced Husserl most.
20. Name one important book of Husserl.

Unit—V

21. “In existentialism, a man does not exist if he has no freedom.” Is the statement true?
22. Mention one supporter of theistic existentialism.
23. Who is the author of the book, *Being and Nothingness*?
24. “To live and to exist are same according to existentialists.” Is it true?
25. “Existentialism is subjectivism.” Is it true?

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SECTION—B

Answer *five* questions, selecting *one* from each Unit :

2×5=10

Unit—I

26. What is sense-data according to Russell?
27. What is proposition according to Russell? When proposition is atomic?

Unit—II

28. Write two causes of the downfall of logical positivism.
29. Who is A. J. Ayer? Name one book written by A. J. Ayer.

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Unit—III

30. What is similarity as well as difference between early Wittgenstein and later Wittgenstein?
31. What does Wittgenstein mean by 'family resemblance'?

Unit—IV

32. Mention any two basic features of phenomenology.
33. What do you mean by phenomenological reduction?

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Unit—V

34. Mention two schools of existentialism.
35. State any two characteristics of existentialism.

SECTION—C

Answer *five* questions, selecting *one* from each Unit :

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Unit—I

36. “Logic is the essence of philosophy.” Discuss briefly after Bertrand Russell.
37. Explain the theory of description as advocated by Russell.

Unit—II

38. Critically explain ‘elimination of metaphysics’ by logical positivists.
39. Explain the ‘principle of verification’ which is fundamental to the school of logical positivists.

Unit—III

40. Discuss Wittgenstein’s picture theory of reality.
41. Write a critical note on the concept of ‘Language-game’.

Unit—IV

42. Discuss phenomenology as a philosophical method with reference to Husserl.
43. Explain the problem of Transcendental Ego with reference to Husserl.

Unit—V

44. Discuss Sartre's philosophy of humanism.
45. Bring out the implication of the statement "Existence precedes essence".

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