

**2023/TDC(CBCS)/ODD/SEM/  
PHIHCC-501T/060**

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

**PHILOSOPHY**

**( Honours )**

**( 5th Semester )**

Course No. : PHIHCC-501T

**( Contemporary Western Philosophy )**

*Full Marks : 70*

*Pass Marks : 28*

*Time : 3 hours*

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

**SECTION—A**

Answer *ten* questions, selecting *two* from each

Unit :

2×10=20

**UNIT—I**

1. What are the two forms of knowledge Russell distinguishes between?
2. What is logical atomism according to Russell?

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3. What is the meaning of 'analysis' in Russell's philosophy?

UNIT—II

4. What is logical positivism?
5. What are the two senses of the term 'verifiability' according to A. J. Ayer?
6. Write two causes of the downfall of logical positivism.

UNIT—III

7. Write the name of two books written by Wittgenstein.
8. What is the relationship between philosophy and language?
9. Why did Wittgenstein refute picture theory?

UNIT—IV

10. What are the basic features of Husserl's phenomenology?

11. What does Husserl mean by intentionality?
12. What is phenomenological reduction?

UNIT—V

13. Mention two characteristics of existentialism.
14. Write the name of two atheistic existentialists.
15. What is Sartre's notion of 'being for itself'?

SECTION—B

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

Unit :

10×5=50

UNIT—I

16. "Logic is the essence of philosophy." Explain after Bertrand Russell.
17. Discuss Russell's theory of description.

UNIT—II

18. What does 'verifiable' mean? Explain the 'principle of verification' as propounded by the logical positivists. 2+8=10
19. Critically discuss the elimination of metaphysics by the logical positivists.

UNIT—III

20. How does Wittgenstein explain the relation between language and reality in picture theory of meaning?
21. Write an essay on 'language game' as advocated by Wittgenstein.

UNIT—IV

22. What is phenomenology? Discuss phenomenology as a philosophical method with reference to Husserl. 2+8=10
23. What does Husserl mean by transcendental ego? Explain the problem of the transcendental ego according to Husserl. 4+6=10

UNIT—V

24. What is existentialism? Explain briefly two forms of existentialism. 2+8=10
25. Discuss briefly the humanism of J. P. Sartre.

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