

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

2023

(November)

PHILOSOPHY

(Honours)

(PHILL : 51)

(History of Modern Western Philosophy)

Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

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

Answer *any five* questions

1. Discuss Descartes' method of doubt as a means to attain clear and distinct knowledge. 15
2. Discuss the concept of substance according to Spinoza. Does his discussion on substance lead to Pantheism? Explain. 10+5=15
3. "The monads are found in a continuous series, one imperceptibly passing into the other." What are monads? What are the main types of monads in this series? Explain some salient features of Leibnitz's theory of 'monads'.

2+3+10=15

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4. Critically examine John Locke's categorisation of primary and secondary qualities. 15
5. What is the literal meaning of 'esse est percipi'? How does Berkeley establish 'esse est percipi'? Discuss briefly. Is Berkeley a solipsist?
1+10+4=15
6. What are impressions and ideas on Hume's view? How does Hume explain the relationship between impressions and ideas? What are Hume's three principles of connection between ideas?
2+8+5=15
7. Differentiate between analytic and synthetic judgement. Discuss following Kant how synthetic apriori judgements are possible. 5+10=15
8. Is there any 'necessary connection' between cause and effect? Discuss with special reference to Hume. 15
9. Discuss Hegel's dialectical method. 15

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10. Write short notes on any two of the following : $7\frac{1}{2}\times 2=15$
- (a) Spinoza's attributes and modes
- (b) Locke's simple and complex ideas
- (c) Hume's rejection of metaphysics
- (d) Kant's categories of understanding
