

4/PHI-251 Syllabus-2023

2026

(May-June)

FYUP : 4th Semester Examination

PHILOSOPHY

(History of Modern Western Philosophy)

(PHI-251)

Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

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

Answer *any five* questions.

1. What is meant by 'Cogito' Ergo Sum? Explain how Descartes arrives at this conclusion through his methodic doubt. 3+12=15
2. Explain the nature of attributes and modes, according to Spinoza. How are they related to substance? $7\frac{1}{2}+7\frac{1}{2}=15$
3. What does Leibnitz mean by monads? Explain the main characteristics of monads and their role in Leibnitz's metaphysical system. 5+10=15
4. Write a critical note on Locke's distinction between simple and complex ideas. 15

5. Explain Hume's distinction between impression and ideas and examine their importance in his theory of knowledge. $7\frac{1}{2}+7\frac{1}{2}=15$
6. Explain and examine Kant's view on categories of understanding. 15
7. What does Hegel mean by the absolute? Examine Hegel's doctrine of absolute idealism. $3+12=15$
8. Evaluate Locke's distinction between primary and secondary qualities. 15
9. Discuss Hegel's dialectical method. 15
10. Write short notes on any two of the following : $7\frac{1}{2}\times 2=15$
 - (a) Esse est percipi
 - (b) Phenomena and noumena
 - (c) Hume's theory of causality
 - (d) Synthetic a priori judgements

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