

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

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(October)

PHILOSOPHY

(Honours)

(History of Modern Western Philosophy)

(PHIL : 51)

Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

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

Answer *any five* questions

1. How does Descartes arrive at *cogito ergo sum*? Is it an inference? Discuss. 10+5=15
2. Why did Spinoza refute mind and body as separate substances outside of God? Does his theory of substance lead to pantheism? 5+10=15
3. State and examine monads as souls or minds. Elucidate Leibniz's hierarchy of monads. 5+10=15

4. Examine Locke's distinction between primary and secondary qualities. Is this distinction justified? 10+5=15
5. Why did Hume reject metaphysics? Is he advocating skepticism? 10+5=15
6. Is Berkeley a solipsist? Explain with reference to his doctrine of *esse est percipi*. 15
7. Explain and examine Kant's transcendental deduction of categories. 15
8. Explain and examine the Absolute Idealism of Hegel. 15
9. Is there any necessary connection between cause and effect according to Hume? If not, can there be any progress in scientific enquiries? 12+3=15
10. Write notes on any *two* of the following : 7½×2=15
- (a) Mind-body interaction (Descartes)
- (b) Pre-established harmony (Leibniz)
- (c) Simple and complex ideas (Locke)
