

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. Write an essay on Descartes' method of Doubt. 15
2. How does Spinoza define substance? Is he advocating for monism? Explain the attributes of substance. 2+8+5=15
3. State and examine Leibniz's theory of Monads. Do you think he is consistent in his explanation of God as the Monad of Monads? 10+5=15
4. What does Locke mean by idea? Why did he criticize innate ideas? How does he distinguish between simple and complex ideas? 2+3+10=15

5. Why did Berkeley refute Locke's material substance? Elucidate his doctrine of *esse est percipi*. Does it lead to solipsism? 2+8+5=15
6. Explain the distinction between impressions and ideas with reference to Hume. Can there be complex ideas without complex impressions? 10+5=15
7. Why did Hume reject the idea of necessary connection between cause and effect? Do you agree with him that causal relation is a mere psychological association of ideas? 10+5=15
8. How would you distinguish between synthetic and analytic judgments? Are synthetic *a priori* judgments possible? Discuss with reference to Kant. 7+8=15
9. What do you mean by the term 'dialectic'? Elucidate Hegel's dialectical method. 3+12=15
10. Write notes on any two of the following : $7\frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 15$
- (a) Primary qualities and secondary qualities of John Locke
 - (b) Absolute idealism of Hegel
 - (c) Phenomena and noumena of Kant
 - (d) *Cogito ergo sum*

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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)

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1. Give an account of the method adopted by Descartes in his philosophy. 15
2. How does Spinoza define substance? Explain the nature of attributes and modes according to Spinoza. 3+6+6=15

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3. What are monads? Explain the salient features of Leibniz's 'Monadology'. 2+13=15
4. What are ideas according to Locke? How does he refute innate ideas? Explain with examples both simple and complex ideas of Locke. 2+3+10=15
5. What are impressions and ideas according to Hume? How does he distinguish between impressions and ideas? How are ideas connected by the 'laws of association'? 2+8+5=15
6. Differentiate between Analytic and Synthetic judgements. What are the two criteria of an a priori proposition? How has Kant proved the possibility of synthetic a priori judgement? 2+2+11=15
7. Discuss Hegel's dialectical method. 15
8. How does Berkeley prove that 'Esse Est Percipi'? Give a critical estimate. 10+5=15
9. Describe briefly Kant's theory of categories of understanding. 15

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10. Write short notes on any two of the following : 7½×2=15
 - (a) Phenomena and Noumena
 - (b) Causality (Hume)
 - (c) Primary and Secondary qualities
 - (d) 'Cogito Ergo Sum'

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(Philosophy of Religion)

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Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

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Answer *any five* questions

1. What is philosophy of religion? Is it related to theology? Discuss the relation between them. 5+2+8=15
2. What do you mean by religion? What are its important features? Explain by referring to different definitions. 3+5+7=15
3. What is revelation? Is it related to faith? Explain the distinction between reason and faith. 5+2+8=15

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4. What are the traditional arguments for the existence of God? Bring out the distinction between ontological and cosmological arguments. Do they actually prove the existence of God? 5+7+3=15
5. What are the characteristics of tribal religion? Can we call it animism? Bring out the idea of God in any one tribal religion of North-East India. 5+3+7=15
6. What do you mean by suffering? Is suffering a pre-requisite of salvation? Explain the purpose of suffering in the theological perspective of Christianity. 5+3+7=15
7. What is Nirvana? Bring out the similarities in the concepts of Nirvana and Moksa. 5+10=15
8. What is religious tolerance? Is there a need for it in the Pluralistic Society of India? Explain it in the light of the contemporary slogan of 'intolerance' raised by different sections/groups in India. 5+3+7=15
9. What is conversion? Does it happen in India? What are the circumstances that encourage religious conversion? Explain. 5+2+8=15

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10. Write short notes on any two of the following : $7\frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 15$
- (a) Mysticism
- (b) Idea of God in Buddhism
- (c) Concept of suffering in Jainism
- (d) Secularism in India

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1. Define religion. Is philosophy of religion a branch of philosophy? Explain the relation between religion and science. 3+2+10=15
2. What do you mean by faith? Are matters of faith drastically opposite to reason/rationality? Explain critically the distinction between reason and faith. 5+2+8=15

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3. What is mystic experience? Is mysticism a ground for proving divine existence? Discuss. $5+10=15$
4. Is it necessary to have God's existence? Briefly examine the theories related to proofs for God's existence. $2+13=15$
5. Can we call the Christian concept of God as monotheistic? Is it different from the Hindu concept of God (Isvara)? Justify your answer. $7\frac{1}{2}+7\frac{1}{2}=15$
6. Explain the concept of suffering and liberation in Hinduism and Buddhism. Is suffering a necessary criterion for liberation? Justify your answer. $10+5=15$
7. What do you mean by religious tolerance? Explain the significance of religious tolerance in contemporary world. $5+10=15$
8. What is secularism? Explain and examine the issues related to secularism. Should we practice secularism? $3+10+2=15$
9. What is conversion? Is religious conversion necessary? Give reasons in support of your answer. $3+2+10=15$

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10. Write short notes on any *two* of the following : $7\frac{1}{2}\times 2=15$
- (a) Distinction between theology and religion
- (b) Idea of God in any tribal religion of India
- (c) Forms of revelation
- (d) Suffering in Jainism

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1. What do you mean by philosophy of religion? Is it different from Theology? Explain critically. 5+2+8=15
2. What is revelation? Are revelatory events rational? Explain critically. 5+3+7=15
3. What is mystic experience? Can it be considered as valid proof for the existence of God? Explain. 5+2+8=15
4. What is ontological argument for the existence of God? Explain critically. 15

5. What are the distinguishing features of tribal religions? Explain. 15
6. What do you mean by Liberation? Compare the concept of Liberation in Christianity with the concept in Hinduism. 5+10=15
7. What is Tolerance? Explain the importance of religious tolerance in the contemporary world. 5+10=15
8. What is the significance of Suffering in religion? Explain the concept of Suffering in Christianity. 7+8=15
9. What are the features of Secularism? Explain critically. 7+8=15
10. Write short notes on any *two* of the following : $7\frac{1}{2}\times 2=15$
 - (a) Faith
 - (b) Master designer argument
 - (c) Any tribal religion of North-East India
 - (d) The idea of God in Hinduism
