

2022

PHILOSOPHY

(Honours)

Paper Code : VI - A & B

(New Syllabus)

Full Marks : 100

Time : Four Hours

Paper Code : VI - A

(Marks : 20)

Choose the correct answer.

Each question carries 1 Mark.

1. What is a word ?
 - (A) The smallest unit of meaning
 - (B) The totality of meaning
 - (C) The negative of meaning
 - (D) None of the above
2. "Triangle have three sides"— What type of characteristic is mentioned in the proposition ?
 - (A) Accompanying characteristic
 - (B) Defining characteristic
 - (C) Universal characteristic
 - (D) None of the above
3. "The Double-aspect theory" is related with _____ .
 - (A) Descartes
 - (B) Aristotle
 - (C) Spinoza
 - (D) Plato
4. Substances are bundle of qualities — is the view of —
 - (A) Empiricist philosophers
 - (B) Rationalist philosophers
 - (C) Idealiast philosophers
 - (D) None of the above

5. "Rain falling on the street" is the _____ condition of "Street being wet".
- (A) Necessary
 - (B) Sufficient
 - (C) Both A & B
 - (D) Neither A nor B
6. "It is a meaningless act" — In what sense is "meaning" used in the sentence ?
- (A) Explanation
 - (B) Purpose
 - (C) Implication
 - (D) Significance
7. I know how to drive a car — in what sense is the verb 'to know' used —
- (A) Propositional knowledge
 - (B) Knowledge by acquaintance
 - (C) Knowing how or ability
 - (D) None of these
8. How many conditions are accepted by John Hospers following A. J. Ayer for propositional knowledge ?
- (A) Two
 - (B) Three
 - (C) Four
 - (D) Five
9. Who said this, 'universal is only name' ?
- (A) John Locke
 - (B) Berkeley
 - (C) Kant
 - (D) Hume
10. Representative Realism is advocated by —
- (A) Plato
 - (B) Locke
 - (C) Kant
 - (D) Leibniz

11. What is the name of the theory by which Descartes seeks to explain the relation between body and mind ?
- (A) Identity theory
 - (B) Interactionism
 - (C) Parallelism
 - (D) Epiphenomenalism
12. “Birds can fly” what type of characteristic is mentioned here ?
- (A) Accompanying
 - (B) Defining
 - (C) Simple
 - (D) None of these
13. In what sense if “meaning” used in the following sentence ? —‘Flood means epidemic’—
- (A) Meaning of cause
 - (B) Meaning of Effect
 - (C) Meaning of Indicator
 - (D) Meaning of Intention
14. ‘The number 5 (three) died yesterday— this sentence is meaningless due to —
- (A) self-contradiction
 - (B) knowing what it is like
 - (C) outside a giving context
 - (D) category - mistake
15. According to Descartes the essence of matter is —
- (A) Consciousness
 - (B) Extension
 - (C) Describing
 - (D) None of the above

16. Two World Theory is advocated by —
- (A) Berkeley
 - (B) Descartes
 - (C) Plato
 - (D) Kant
17. 'Water is analysable into H_2O '. — What kind of definition it is ?
- (A) Definition by denotation
 - (B) Lexical definition
 - (C) Real definition
 - (D) None of the above
18. According to whom, "substance is unknown and unknowable ?
- (A) Berkeley
 - (B) Hume
 - (C) Hospers
 - (D) Locke
19. Hume's theory of causality is known as —
- (A) Theory of entailment
 - (B) Theory of constant conjunction
 - (C) Interactionism
 - (D) None of the above
20. Is a word ambiguous by itself ?
- (A) Yes
 - (B) No
 - (C) Doubtful
 - (D) None of the above
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Paper Code : VI - B

(Marks : 80)

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.
Candidates are required to give their answers
in their own words as far as practicable.*

Section - I

Answer any *four* questions of the following. 15×4=60

1. Explain the different criteria for sentence meaning. 15
2. What is the difference between determinism and indeterminism ? Is freedom of will compatible with determinism ? 7+8=15
3. Explain the concept of our knowledge of other minds. Is it logically possible to have the knowledge of others mind ? 8+7=15
4. Explain and examine the verifiability criterion of meaning. 15
5. Explain and examine Hume's notion of cause as "Constant Conjunction". 15
6. Explain and examine interactionism as a theory of mind-body relation. 15
7. Critically explain Plato's theory of universal. 15
8. Is subjective idealism an outcome of representative realism ? Discuss. 15

Section - II

9. Answer any *four* questions of the following : 5×4=20
 - (a) What is category mistake ? Explain with example. 5
 - (b) Does the definition of 'X' implies the existence of 'X' ? Explain. 5
 - (c) Write a short note on Naive realism. 5
 - (d) Distinguish between conventional and natural sign. 5
 - (e) What is the main point of interactionism ? 5
 - (f) Explain Descartes' concept of substance. 5
 - (g) Write a short note on strong idealism. 5
 - (h) Write short notes on Real definition. 5
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