

Diamond Harbour Women's University
M.A. 1st Year 1st Semester Examination, 2022

Subject: Philosophy
Paper: Indian Epistemology
Phi/Th/1S/CC/101)

Time: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 40

Group: A (Nyāya Sūtra Vātsyāna Bhāṣya)

- A. Answer any one question from the following:** **10×1=10**
1. Do you consider the expressions *avyapadeśyam* and *vyavasāyātmakam* forming the part of the definition of *pratyakṣa* offered by Maharshi Gautama? Give reasons for your answer.
 2. What is the significance of the term '*tatpūrvaka*' in the definition of inference (*anumāna*)? What is *sāmānyatodṛṣṭa anumāna* according to its first interpretation? **6+4=10**
- B. Answer any two questions from the following:** **5×2=10**
3. How is *prāmānya* ascertained? Answer the question following Vātsyāyana.
 4. Is it possible to attain liberation (*mokṣa*) immediately after the attainment of right cognition (*tattvajñāna*)?
 5. What is *Upamāna pramāṇa*? Explain with example.
 6. What is *śeṣavat anumana* according to its second interpretation given by the Naiyāyika-s?

Group: B (Bhāṣāpariccheda)

- C. Answer any one question from the following:** **10×1=10**
- 7 a) What is *parāmarśa*? What are its different forms? **2+2**
 - b) On what grounds did the Mīmāṃsaka-s refuse to admit it as a necessary causal condition of inference? **6**
8. How do the *Naiyāyika*-s establish *pakṣatā*? Answer following *Viśvanātha*.

D. Answer any two questions from the following: **2×5= 10**

9. What is the *karaṇa* of *anumiti*? State both the *prācīna* and *Navya* view in this regard.

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10. "sādhyavat-anyā-nirūpitavṛttivābhāva" – Briefly explain this definition of vyāpti.

11. Analyze the nature of the different varieties of *anaikāntika hetvābhāsa* with suitable examples.

12. State a brief description of *asiddhahetvābhāsa*.

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Subject: Philosophy

Paper: Western Epistemology

Phi/ Th/1S/CC/102

Time: 2 Hours

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A. Answer any two questions from the following:

10×2=20

1. How does Dretske critique the second presupposition of Gettier?
2. How does Gettier address that JTB cannot be an acceptable theory of knowledge?

Answer briefly.

3. 'A straight line is the shortest distance between two points' – What kind of proposition is this? In which context and how does Immanuel Kant try to prove the possibility of this kind of proposition? Explain with proper examples.
4. What are the metaphysical arguments put forward by Kant to prove that space is an a priori form of intuition?

B. Answer any four questions from the following:

5×4=20

5. Why Kant is said to have brought about a Copernican revolution in Western epistemology? Explain briefly.
6. How does Kant distinguish between phenomena and noumena?
7. How does knowledge become possible according to Kant?
8. Give any one argument given by Kant in his transcendental exposition of time.
9. State a brief description of incompatibility theory regarding the relation between knowledge and belief. Answer following H. A. Prichard.

10. State some arguments put forward by the skeptics.

11. What are the characteristics of coherentism?

12. "I know that there is a pot on the table"- Explain this statement by using JTB theory.

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Subject: Philosophy

Paper: Indian Metaphysics

Paper Code: Phil/Th/CC/15/103

Full Marks: 40

Time: 2 Hours

Group- A

A. Answer any one question from the following: 1×10=10

1. Can *dravyattva jāti* be the definition of *dravya*? Answer following *Prāśastapāda*. 10
2. How can *tattvajñāna* be the cause of *mokṣa*? Answer following *Vaiśeṣika* system. 10

B. Answer any two questions from the following: 2×5= 10

3. What is the definition of *guṇa*? Briefly discuss the adequacy of this definition. 5
4. Is there any causal relation between *maṅgalācaraṇa* and *granthasamāpti*? Answer briefly following *Vaiśeṣika* school. 5
5. Why does *Vaiśeṣika* not accept *andhakāra* as a *padārtha*? Uphold any two arguments following *Vaiśeṣika* school. 5
6. Why does *Kaṇāda* not uphold *abhāva* separately as a *padārtha*? 5

Group B

C. Answer any one question from the following: 1×10=10

7. How does Vacaspati Mishra establish that *sattva*, *rajaḥ* and *tamaḥ* are *sukhātmaka*, *duḥkhātmaka* and *mohātmaka* respectively considering the imperceptible character of the three *guṇa*-s?
8. State and explain the *sādharmya*-s of the *vyakta* and *avyakta tattva*.

D. Answer any two questions from the following: 2×5= 10

9. Explain following Vacaspati Mishra the arguments establishing *puruṣabahutva*.

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10. What is the purport of the expressions *asadakaraṇāt* and *upādānagrahaṇāt* in the *Sāṃkhya* effort to establish *satkāryavāda*? Explain following *Sāṃkhya-Tattvakaumūdī*.

11. What are the *prayojana* and *kriyā*-s of *sattva*, *rajaḥ* and *tamaḥ*? Discuss.

12. How does Vacaspati Mishra establish that *mokṣa* resulting from *vivekajñāna* is superior to *svarga* resulting from *ānuśravika*? Discuss briefly.

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Western Metaphysics

Paper Code: Phil/Th/CC/1S/104

TIME- 2 HOURS

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A. Answer any two question from the following:

2×10=20

1. a) What is the nature of metaphysics?
b) Discuss briefly Kant's view regarding the possibility of metaphysics.

4+6=10

2. a) What is essentialism?

b) What objections against essentialism have been raised by W. V. O. Quine?

c) How did S. A. Kripke reply to Quine? Discuss.

2+4+4=10

3. Critically discuss P. F. Strawson's theory of basic particulars.

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4. a) What does Hume mean by 'person'?

b) What is his view on personal identity?

c) Do you think his view is satisfactory? Give reasons for your answer.

2+6+2=10

B. Answer any four questions from the following:

4×5=20

5. What is the difference between descriptive metaphysics and revisionary metaphysics?

6. What is a substance? Discuss with reference to the views of Aristotle?

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7. Give a short account of Aristotle's notion of being-qua-being.
8. In what context the notion of possible world has been referred by Saul Kripke?
9. Why the concept of a person is a logically primitive concept?
10. Why communication cannot occur without admitting certain basic particulars?
11. Why does Ryle call Cartesian dualism the doctrine of the 'Ghost in the machine'?
12. Is self-knowledge possible without accepting mind as a separate entity? Answer following Ryle.

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Paper: Western Logic

Paper Code: Phil/Th/CC/1S/105

Full Marks: 40

Time: 2 Hours

A. Answer any two questions from the following:

2×10=20

1. Symbolize the following statements in Predicate Logic using the given symbolization key:

5× 2=10

- a) Only policemen and firemen are both indispensable and underpaid. (Px, Fx, Ix, Ux)
- b) Not every person who talks a great deal has a great deal to say. (Px, Tx, Hx)
- c) A person is informed if and only if she is the owner. (Px, Ix, Ox)
- d) If anything is returned, then all owners are informed. (Rx, Px, Ox, Ix)
- e) It is not true that every watch will keep good time if and only if it is wound regularly and not abused. (Wx, Kx, Rx, Ax)

2. Give an illustration of the special restrictions on the Quantifier Rules of UG and EI.

3. Use the method of C.P. or I.P. to verify that the following are tautologies: 4×2.5=10

- a) $(A \supset B) \supset [A \supset (A \cdot B)]$
- b) $(X \supset Y) \supset [(X \cdot Z) \supset (Y \cdot Z)]$
- c) $(X \supset Y) \vee (X \supset \sim Y)$
- d) $(X \vee Y) \supset [(X \supset Y) \vee (Y \supset X)]$

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4. Prove the validity of the following arguments using the strengthened version of C.P.

$2 \times 5 = 10$

a) $P \vee [(K \supset P) \cdot (Q \supset P)]$

$M \cdot (K \vee Q) / \therefore P$

b) $A \supset B$

$[A \supset (A \cdot B)] \supset C / \therefore C$

B. Answer any four questions from the following:

4x5=20

5. Explain the rules of UI and EG with illustrations.

6. Distinguish between the free and bound occurrence of a variable with suitable examples.

7. Symbolize the following relational propositions using logical notation of propositional functions and quantifiers:

2x2.5=5

a) Something attracts something.

b) Tintin does not like all dogs, but he likes Snowy.

8. Distinguish between the weak and strengthened versions of C.P.

9. Symbolize the following multiply general propositions:

5x1=5

a) If anything is a rule, then if there are humans, then it will be broken.

b) If any bananas are yellow, then if all yellow bananas are ripe, they are ripe.

c) If any survivors are women, then if all women are fortunate, they are fortunate.

d) If something is found, and there are owners, then it will be returned.

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e) Given any natural number, there is a natural number greater than it.

10. Prove that the following are theorems of Predicate Logic: $2 \times 2.5 = 5$

a) $(\forall x) (Fx \cdot Q) \equiv [(\forall x) Fx \cdot Q]$

b) $(\forall x) (Q \supset Fx) \equiv [Q \supset (\forall x) Fx]$

11. Construct formal proof of validity for the following arguments: $2 \times 2.5 = 5$

a) $(\exists x) Gx \vee (\forall y) (Gy \supset Hy)$

$(\forall x) (Ix \supset \sim Gx) / \therefore (\forall x) (Gx \supset Ix) \supset (\forall y) (Gy \supset Hy)$

b) $(\exists x) Ax \supset (\forall y) (By \supset Cy)$

$(\exists x) Dx \supset (\exists y) By / \therefore (\exists x) (Ax \cdot Dx) \supset (\exists y) Cy$

12. Prove that the following arguments are invalid. $2 \times 2.5 = 5$

a) $(\exists x) (Kx \cdot Lx)$

$(\exists x) (\sim Kx \cdot \sim Lx) / \therefore (\exists x) (Lx \cdot \sim Kx)$

b) All astronauts are brave. Jim is brave. Therefore Jim is an astronaut.

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