

Diamond Harbour Women's University

M.A. 2nd Year 3rd Semester Examination, 2023

Subject: Philosophy

Paper: Aesthetics (Indian & Western)

Paper Code: Phil/Th/3S/CC/301

Time: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 40

Group: A (Indian Aesthetics)

A. Answer any one question from the following:

10×1=10

1. How does *rasa* originate? What is the difference between *laukika* and *alaukika rasa*? Explain Abhinavagupta's concept of *alaukika rasa* following his *locana bhasya*.
3+2+5=10
2. Does Rabindranath Tagore consider art as merely an imitation of the actual world? Give reasons in favour of your answer following Tagore's concept of art and aesthetics. Explain in this connection what according to Tagore are the characteristics of true literature. 6+4=10

B. Answer any two questions from the following:

5×2=10

3. Explain briefly the concept of *dhvani* following Anandavardhan. Mention its different types.
4. What is the meaning of the term '*bhāva*'? Explain briefly the nature of *sthāyibhāva*.
5. Explain the nature of *rasa* as described by Śankuka.
6. State and explain briefly any two features of beauty as admitted by Coomaraswamy.

Group: B (Western Aesthetics)

C. Answer any one question from the following:

10×1=10

7. Explain the intentional theory of art. How far is this theory acceptable? Explain critically.
8. Does Croce consider intuition and expression as one and the same thing? What according to him is the way to the communication of intuitions? Discuss in detail.

2+8=10

D. Answer any two questions from the following:

5×2=10

9. What is the difference between Clive Bell and Sussane Langer's view on 'Art as significant form'?

10. What does Immanuel Kant mean by saying that 'art is purposive without purpose? Explain briefly.

11. What is art according to Collingwood?

12. Is Leo Tolstoy's views on art a reflection of his philosophy?

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Subject: Philosophy
Paper: PHIL/Th/CC/3S/302
(Indian Philosophy of Language)

Time: 2 Hours

Full Marks:40

A. Answer any two questions:

10×2=20

1. What are the ways of *śaktigraha*? Briefly discuss after *Visvanātha*.
2. What is *śakti*? In this connection discuss two forms (*ākāra*) of *Īśvara icchā* following *Visvanātha*.
2+8=10
3. How did the *Dvaita* and the *Advaita* school emerge? Answer following *Vākyapadiya*.
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4. How does *Śabda Brahman* manifest itself in various ways? Explain following *Vākyapadiya*.

B. Answer any four questions:

5×4=20

5. Can *Īśvara icchā* be the cause of *śābdabodha*? Answer following *Visvanātha*.
6. What is *śābdabodha*? What will be the problem if we consider *padārthapasthiti* as *vyāpara* instead of *padajñānājanīyva*?
1+4
7. What is *lakṣaṇā*? State a short note with an example after *Visvanātha*.
8. How could *yogyatā* be used to have *śābdabodha*?
9. What is *śabda brahman*?
10. Explain the meaning of word 'OM' following *Vākyapadiya*.
11. What is *vivartta*? Why the world is *vivartta* of *śabda brahman*?
12. Why *veda* is the root of all *smṛti sastra*?

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Subject: Philosophy

Paper: Western Philosophy of Language

Paper: Phil/Th/CC/3S/303

Full Marks: 40

Time: 2 hrs

Group A

A. Answer any one question from the following:

10×1= 10

1. According to Locke what are the main characteristics of a language? Are those characteristics sufficient to describe the language as a tool for communication ?

7+3=10

2. How does Russell show that singular terms are descriptions in disguise?

10

B. Answer any two questions from the following:

5×2= 10

3. "The morning star is the evening star" - Explain what kind of sentence is this. Why can we not explain the sentence by using the referential theory?

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4. Make a distinction between sense and reference following Frege.

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5. When would an act be successful? Answer following Austin.

5

6. Why did Strawson not entertain the theory of description, given by Russell?

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Group B

C. Answer any one question from the following:

10×1= 10

7. Why does Wittgenstein find the Augustinian conception of language problematic?

Discuss.

8. Is there any logical inconsistency among the statements "world is the totality of the existence of states of affair", "reality is the collection of existence and non-existence of states of affair", and "the sum total of reality is the world"? Analyze critically.

D. Answer any two questions from the following:

5×2= 10

9. Explain the Tractarian statement: "Facts in logical space are the world."

10. Give an outline of the concept of the form of life in later Wittgensteinian view of language.

11. What is the purport of the statement "Games form a family" in later Wittgensteinian scheme of language? Discuss.

12. Discuss the significance of the analogy of toolbox in Wittgensteinian conception of language game.

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Subject: Philosophy

Paper: Biomedical and Socio-Political Issues in Western Applied Ethics

Paper: Phil/Th/CE/3S/304E

Full Marks: 40

Time: 2 hrs

Group A: Biomedical Issues in Western Applied Ethics

A. Answer any one question from the following:

10×1= 10

1. What is J. Gay-Williams's definition of euthanasia? Discuss his arguments against euthanasia.

3+7

2. Do you think that the arguments advanced by John Harris in support of the survival lottery scheme aimed at making organs available to the ailing are philosophically sound? Give reasons for your answer.

B. Answer any two questions from the following:

5×2= 10

3. Discuss the moral significance and limitations of the principle of informed consent.

4. Why does Winston Nesbitt believe that active euthanasia is morally worse than passive euthanasia? Explain.

5. How does Don Marquis demonstrate that a standoff exists between the pro-lifer and the pro-choicer concerning abortion? How does he try to overcome this standoff? 2½+2½

6. What are the reactions of Michael Tooley towards some instances of cloning humans aimed at producing persons that may have some putative moral consequences? Discuss.

Group B: Socio-Political Issues in Western Applied Ethics

C. Answer any one question from the following:

10×1= 10

7. What does Peter Singer mean by the hypothesis of genetic diversity? Does he accept this hypothesis? Give justifications in favour of your answer following Peter Singer. 3+7=10

8. What is care ethics? Explain. Can it really establish gender equality? Give reasons in favour of your answer. 3+7=10

B. Answer any two questions from the following:

5×2= 10

9. What does Peter Singer mean by affirmative action? Does he support such kind of action for establishing equality? Explain briefly and give reasons in favour of your answer.

10. Does Mary Wollstonecraft regard women's and men's morality as different from each other? Explain briefly.

11. What is media ethics? State any two ethical principles of media ethics.

2+3=5

12. Explain briefly any two principles of just war.

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Subject: Philosophy

Paper: Prācīna Nyāya-I & Prācīna Nyāya-II

Paper: Phil/Th/CE/3S/304N

Full Marks: 40

Time: 2 hrs

Group A: Prācīna Nyāya-I

A. Answer any one question from the following:

10×1= 10

1. Give a brief account of the different kinds of *chala* following Gotama's *Nyāyasūtra*. How does Vātsyāyana repudiate the charge that Gotama's classification of *chala* into three kinds is untenable?

6+4

2. What are the *anumāpaka hetu-s* of *ātmā* according to Gautama? Discuss in this regard what objection does Vātsyāyana raise against the Vijñānavādins? Explain how far he is justified in raising such an objection.

2+2+6

C. Answer any two questions from the following:

5×2=10

3. Make a distinction between *sādharmya-samā jāti* and *vaidharmya-samā jāti* with adequate examples.

4. Explain briefly the definition of *duḥkha* as put forward by Maharṣi Gautama in his *Nyāyasūtra*. Mention its different types.

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What is *doṣa*? What are its different varieties? Which one of the following *doṣa-s* is the basic one? Give reason for your answer.

2+1+2

5. Could *vitaṇḍā* be defined as "*sa pratipakṣahīna*" without giving rise to any difficulty? Give reasons for your answer.

6. Do the expressions *buddhi*, *upalabdhi*, and *jñāna* refer to the same thing according to Sāṃkhya darśana? How do the Naiyāyika-s criticize the Sāṃkhya view?
2.5+2.5

Group B: Prācīna Nyāya-II

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

7. Analyze after Udayana the views of the opponents denying the *Nyāya* position regarding the causal relation. How did Udayana refute all of them?

8. What is the correct definition of *pakṣa* according to *Nyāyakusumāñjali*?

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

9. What is the need for offering evidence to establish the existence of God as he is already admitted? Answer after *Udayana*.

10. What are the obstacles to know a non-physical object like *ātmā*? Give a brief note about them.

11. a) What is the difficulty for admitting that everything results from a single cause?

b) Can everything in this world be said to be resulting from the same cause?

12. How does *Mīmāṃsaka* reject the *Cārvāka* objection against the cause-effect relation by introducing *śaktivāda*. Answer in brief following *Nyāyakusumāñjali*.

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Subject: Philosophy

Paper: Philosophical Classics, Social and Political Philosophy and Philosophy of Mind

Paper: Phil/Th/OE/3S/306

Full Marks: 40

Time: 2 hrs

Group A: Philosophical Classics

A. Answer any one question from the following:

10×1= 10

1. How does Paul Taylor develop his life-centred environmental ethic based on the biocentric outlook of nature? Discuss.

2. What is moral dilemma? How did *Arjuna* fall into it? Answer in brief following *Gītā*.

2+8

B. Answer any two questions from the following:

5×2= 10

3. Is there any morally significant distinction between active euthanasia and passive euthanasia? Discuss after James Rachels.

4. Why should *Arjuna* not regret to lose his relatives? Answer following the *Gītā*.

5. What according to Don Marquis is the wrong-making feature of killing? How is it related to his specific view on abortion? What advantages are enjoyed by this view over other pro-life and pro-choice views? Discuss after Don Marquis.

1+1+3

6. What is the necessity of doing a *karma*? Answer following *Gītā*.

Group B: Social and Political Philosophy and Philosophy of Mind

C. Answer any one question from the following:

10×1= 10

7. Discuss critically Karl Marx's theory of dialectical materialism.

8. Is non-violence a justified way to fight against all forms of violence? Justify your answer following Mahatma Gandhi's concept of non-violence.

D. Answer any two questions from the following:

5×2= 10

9. Give a brief account of substance dualism.

10. State briefly that how far was Karl Marx influenced by G.F.Hegel.

11. Discuss briefly Mahatma Gandhi's views on the concept of sarvodaya.

12. Explain Gandhi's concept of trusteeship.