

3 (Sem-1) PHL M 2

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PHILOSOPHY

( Major )

Paper : 1.2

( Epistemology and Metaphysics )

Full Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

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

1. Answer very briefly/Choose the correct option : 1×10=10

(a) Philosophy studies the entire universe. Is it true?

(b) "Philosophy is the logical analysis of the propositions of science." This view is advocated by logical positivist/rationalist/idealist.

(c) There is no fixed definition of philosophy. Is it true?

(d) "Knowledge is described as justified true belief." Who said this?

(e) Russell is not a realist philosopher. Is it true?

(f) Who is the principal exponent of representative realism?

(g) The absolute for Hegel is God/Soul/Substance.

(h) Who is the father of modern idealism?

(i) Berkeley denies the existence of any transcendent extra mental reality. Is it true?

(j) According to Berkeley, primary and secondary qualities are separable/inseparable.

2. (a) What are the different forms of idealism?

(b) Axiology is concerned with three ultimate values of life. What are those?

(c) Why is scientific realism called representative realism?

(d) Name two traditional idealist philosopher.

(e) What is the literal meaning of the word solipsism?

3. Write short answer (any four) :  $5 \times 4 = 20$

- (a) "Science and Philosophy are complementary to each other." Do you accept this view? Add reasons in support of your answer.
- (b) Explain the statement *esse est percipi*.
- (c) What is the difference between 'knowing how' and 'knowing that'?
- (d) What is the nature of knowledge?
- (e) Is Berkeley a solipsist?
- (f) Can naive realism explain wrong knowledge?

4. Answer the following (any four) :  $10 \times 4 = 40$

- (a) Give a satisfactory definition of philosophy and discuss the nature of philosophy.  $2+8=10$
- (b) Discuss critically the distinction between knowledge by acquaintance and knowledge by description. 10
- (c) Determine the essential features of realism. Evaluate naive realism  $5+5=10$

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- (d) Explain and examine idealism of Berkeley. Is Berkeley's idealism subjective?
- (e) Explain critically Hegel's theory of absolute idealism.
- (f) Explain and examine scientific realism.

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