

2013

PHILOSOPHY

( Major )

Paper : 3.2

( History of <sup>6-11</sup>Modern Western Philosophy )

Full Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

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

1. Answer as directed : 1×10=10

(a) According to Descartes, the idea of God is

(i) adventitious

(ii) fictitious

(iii) demonstrative

(iv) innate

( Choose the correct option )

(b) The most fundamental character of matter according to Descartes, is that it is

(i) coloured

(ii) temporary

(iii) extended

(iv) an idea

( Choose the correct option )

(c) Pineal gland is the — of the soul.

( Fill in the blank )

(d) What according to Descartes can be taken as the foundation of philosophy?

(e) Descartes' doubt cannot be confused with scepticism. Is it true?

(f) Spinoza equates substance with — and —.

( Fill in the blanks )

(g) Spinoza treats the soul as

(i) God

(ii) a sum

(iii) ideas

( Choose the correct option )

(h) The view that one may consider God as *Natura Naturans* is maintained by —.

( Fill in the blank )

(i) Leibnitz defines substance or 'monad' as —.

( Fill in the blank )

(j) — preestablishes the unity and harmony among the monads at the time of creating them.

( Fill in the blank )

2. Answer in brief :

2×5=10

(a) Name the two criteria of truth according to Descartes.

(b) What do you mean by 'cogito, ergo sum'?

(c) Give the exact definition of substance according to Spinoza.

(d) Match the following :

(i) Pre-established harmony      1. Descartes

(ii) Interactionism      2. Leibnitz

(e) Match the following :

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| (i) Regulae                             | 1. Spinoza   |
| (ii) Treatise concerning<br>God and man | 2. Descartes |

3. Answer any *four* questions of the following :  $5 \times 4 = 20$

- (a) The method of Descartes is deductive-inductive. Explain.
- (b) Explain the '4 rules' laid down by Descartes in his method of philosophising.
- (c) Substance is described as 'causa-sui' according to Spinoza. Explain.
- (d) What do you mean by Pantheism?
- (e) 'Monads' of Leibnitz are spiritual. Explain.

4. Discuss critically Descartes' method of doubt. 10

Or

Bring out the significance of 'cogito, ergo sum'.

5. Explain Spinoza's doctrine of substance. 10

Or

Give an account of the doctrine of preestablished harmony of Leibnitz.

6. "Monads are Windowless." Explain. 10

Or

Explain the relation of mind-body according to Descartes.

7. Explain the nature of attributes according to Spinoza. 10

Or

Write short notes on the following : 5×2=10

(a) 'Natura-Naturans' and 'Natura-Naturata'

(b) Modes

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