

2013

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. Choose and write the correct option of the following : 1×10=10
- (a) Metaphysics studies the problem of reality/knowledge/truth.
- (b) Russell is a realist/idealist philosopher.
- (c) Naive realism is also called commonsense/critical realism/neo-realism.
- (d) The relation between knower and the known is indirect/direct in scientific realism.

- (e) The ultimate reality is the absolute spirit or idea according to Hegel/Locke/Descartes.
- (f) Realism admits/denies the primacy of the mind.
- (g) "Philosophy is the metaphysics of experience." This view is offered by Hegel/Plato/Kant.
- (h) Russell/Gilbert Ryle/William James classified knowledge into two types—knowing how and knowing that.
- (i) The Plato's traditional definition of knowledge was criticised by A. J. Ayer/Edmund Gettier/Gilbert Ryle.
- (j) The standpoint of philosophy is partial/comprehensive.

2. Write short answer of the following : $2 \times 5 = 10$

- (a) Axiology is concerned with three ultimate values of life. What are those?
- (b) What is J. T. B?
- (c) Name two realist philosophers.

- (d) Give the meaning of the expression "esse est percipi".
- (e) According to Hegel, the last stage to reach the absolute is synthesis. What are the first and second stages?

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

- (a) Distinguish between knowing how and knowing that. 5
- (b) What are the different classifications of knowledge? 5
- (c) State five characteristics of Naive realism. 5
- (d) What is the difference between primary and secondary qualities? 5
- (e) What is scientific realism and why is it known as representative realism? $2 + 3 = 5$

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

- (a) Discuss about the nature and scope of Philosophy. $4 + 6 = 10$
- (b) Explain fully the difference between knowledge by acquaintance and knowledge by description. 10

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- (c) Explain critically the subjective idealism of Berkeley. Is he a solipsist? 8+2=10
- (d) Discuss Hegel's theory of objective idealism. 10
- (e) State the difference between realism and idealism. 10
