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PHILOSOPHY

Paper : PHLHC5116

(Analytic Philosophy)

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32

Time : Three hours

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

1. Choose the correct answer : **(any six)** 1×6=6
- (a) According to B. Russell, what is the primary characteristic of matter ?
- (i) Spatial extension
 - (ii) Independence form perception
 - (iii) Temporal duration
 - (iv) Dependence on perception

- (b) According to Moore, what is Common Sense ?
- (i) Intuition
 - (ii) Every Practical Knowledge
 - (iii) Philosophical Knowledge
 - (iv) Scientific Knowledge
- (c) What is the criterion of meaningfulness according to A. J. Ayer ?
- (i) Verifiability
 - (ii) Falsification
 - (iii) Intuition
 - (iv) Reason
- (d) What is Russell's view on the Nature of Reality ?
- (i) Reality is purely physical
 - (ii) Reality is purely mental
 - (iii) Reality is a combination of physical and mental
 - (iv) Reality is unknown

- (e) B. Russell argues that matter is
- (i) a collection of physical objects
 - (ii) a product of human perception
 - (iii) a logical construction from sense-data
 - (iv) from hypothesis
- (f) Ayer's Elimination of Metaphysics is influenced by
- (i) Existentialism
 - (ii) Hermeneutics
 - (iii) Logical positivism
 - (iv) Phenomenology
- (g) B. Russell's argument for the distinction between appearance and reality is based on
- (i) Logical Necessity
 - (ii) Empirical evidence
 - (iii) Philosophical Intuition
 - (iv) Practical utility

- (h) Russell distinguishes between
- (i) Appearance and reality
 - (ii) Perception and sensation
 - (iii) Physical and mental
 - (iv) Day and night
- (i) What is the title of A. J. Ayer's book that outlines his view on metaphysics?
- (i) Philosophical essays
 - (ii) The central question of philosophy
 - (iii) Language, Truth and Logic
 - (iv) The foundation of empirical knowledge
- (j) G. E. Moore's *A defense of Common Sense* is often seen as response to :
- (i) Idealism
 - (ii) Skepticism
 - (iii) Logical positivism
 - (iv) Existentialism

2. Answer the following questions : **(any five)**
2×5=10

- (a) What is knowledge by acquaintance according to Russell ?
- (b) What is Ayer's main argument against Metaphysics ?
- (c) What is the criterion of verifiability according to A. J. Ayer ?
- (d) What is Moore's main argument in *Defence of Common Sense* ?
- (e) How does Russell distinguish between 'sense-data' and 'physical objects' ?
- (f) What is Russell's view on the relationship between mind and matter ?
- (g) Why does Moore consider common sense propositions indubitable ?

3. Answer the following questions : **(any six)**
5×6=30

- (a) Critically evaluate Russell's argument for the existence of matter.
- (b) Discuss the relationship between knowledge by acquaintance and knowledge by description.

- (c) Explain Moore's concept of 'common sense' and its significance.
- (d) Discuss the significance of the problem of induction in Russell's arguments.
- (e) Critically evaluate Russell's distinction between appearance and reality.
- (f) Discuss Russell's response to idealism regarding the existence of matter.
- (g) Discuss Moore's response to skeptical doubt about knowledge.
- (h) Explain Ayer's verification principle.
- (i) Explain Moore's distinction between 'Knowledge' and 'Certainty' ?
- (j) Explain Ayer's concept of "cognitive significance".

4. Answer the following question : **(any two)**
10×2=20

- (a) Explain how Russell's distinction addresses skeptical doubts about knowledge.
- (b) Critically evaluate Ayer's argument for the elimination of metaphysics.

- (c) Discuss Moore's concept of "common sense" and its philosophical significance.
- (d) Explain Russell's distinction between direct experience (sense data) and independent external entities (physical objects).

5. Answer the following question : **(any one)**
14×1=14

- (a) Discuss the implications of Russell's view for our understanding of memory.
- (b) Explain Ayer's concept of 'Logical Positivism' and its relation to metaphysics.
- (c) Discuss the implications of Moore's view for metaphysics.