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**PHILOSOPHY**

(Major)

Paper : PHLMAJ2054

**(Philosophy of Vienna Circle)**

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 28

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) Which of the following is NOT a characteristic of the "Analytic turn" in philosophy ?

(i) A focus on clarity and precision in language and argument.

(ii) An emphasis on formal logic and mathematical methods.

- (iii) A rejection of traditional philosophical problems.
- (iv) A concern with the nature of language and meaning.
- (b) Russell's theory of propositional functions is a theory about \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (i) absolute
  - (ii) universal
  - (iii) substance
  - (iv) particular
- (c) The famous book, "The Refutation of Idealism" is written by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (i) Russell
  - (ii) Hume
  - (iii) Locke
  - (iv) G.E. Moore
- (d) Who states 'every proposition in which a description which describes nothing has a primary occurrence is false'?
  - (i) Moore
  - (ii) Russell

- (iii) Frege
- (iv) Austin
- (e) Who is the author of 'philosophical Investigation' ?
  - (i) Russell
  - (ii) Moore
  - (iii) Wittgenstein
  - (iv) Ayer
- (f) \_\_\_\_\_ is the author of 'Language, truth and logic'.
  - (i) Wittgenstein
  - (ii) Russell
  - (iii) Moore
  - (iv) A. J. Ayer
- (g) According to \_\_\_\_\_ proposition must be verified to be meaningful.
  - (i) logical positivist
  - (ii) modernist
  - (iii) atomist
  - (iv) rationalist

(h) Which of the following statements would be considered meaningful according to the verification theory of meaning?

- (i) "God exists"
- (ii) "The color blue is inherently good"
- (iii) "The sun will rise tomorrow"
- (iv) "Happiness is a a fleeting emotion"

(i) According to Wittgenstein, Metaphysical language is \_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) confusing
- (ii) related to fact
- (iii) related to Religion
- (iv) full of Reality

(j) According to Russell, which of the following is an example of knowledge by acquaintance?

- (i) Knowing that the sky is blue
- (ii) Knowing the meaning of the word "dog"
- (iii) Knowing the feeling of happiness
- (iv) Knowing that the current date

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

- (a) What is analytic philosophy according to Moore?
- (b) What is proposition according to Russell?
- (c) What is truth for Wittgenstein?
- (d) What are "sense-data" in Russell's theory?
- (e) What does Ayer mean by 'meaningful statement'?
- (f) What is Moore's main argument in "A Defence of Common Sense"?
- (g) What is Russell's view on the existence of physical objects?

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

- (a) Explain briefly Russell's Logical Atomism.
- (b) How does Moore refute Idealism? Explain briefly.

- (c) What are the key characteristics of analytic philosophy?
- (d) Write a note on Russell's General proposition and existence.
- (e) Explain briefly Wittgenstein's language game theory.
- (f) How does Ayer distinguish between analytic and synthetic statement?
- (g) Explain briefly the characteristics of Logical Positivism.
- (h) Write a note on Wittgenstein's 'Meaning and proposition'.
- (i) Why did Logical Positivists "reject metaphysics"? Explain briefly.

4. Answer the following questions : **(any two)**

12×2=24

- (a) Discuss Wittgenstein's picture theory of meaning.
- (b) Explain the verification theory of meaning.

- (c) What is knowledge? Distinguish between knowledge by acquaintance and knowledge by description.
  - (d) Discuss G.E. Moore's theory of Defence of Common sense".
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