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BA DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, MAY 2024
First Semester
B.A. Philosophy
B21PH01DC – Introduction to Western Philosophy
(2023 January Admissions)

Time: 3 Hours

Max Marks: 70

Section A

Answer any ten of the following questions in a word or sentence each. Each question carries 1 mark.

1. “Man is the measure of all things”. Whose famous statement is this?
2. What does the word ‘sophist’ mean?
3. Name the school founded by Plato.
4. Name Aristotle’s best-known work on ethics.
5. Whose famous work is Discourse on Method?
6. What is meant by theory of Voluntarism ?
7. Who described man as a political animal ?
8. Name the last notable Muslim peripatetic philosopher.
9. What is the meaning of ‘Sapere aude’, one of the important slogans of the modern thinkers?
10. Name the philosopher who advocated psychophysical parallelism
11. Empiricism opposes the theory of innate ideas-True or False?
12. What does the phrase “esse est percipi” mean?
13. What does Marx mean by alienation?
14. Who is counted as the father of critical philosophy ?
15. Name the two schools of Islamic Philosophy

(1X10=10)

Section B

Answer any ten of the following questions in two or three sentences each. Each question carries 2 marks.

16. What is meant by Hylozoism?
17. Explain eikos’.
18. What are the three hierarchical sections into which Plato splits the embodied soul?

19. Briefly explain 'Prudence' as a cardinal virtue.
20. How does Aristotle define 'matter' and 'form'?
21. Explain Divine theology.
22. What are the major traditions that existed during the medieval period?
23. How does Descartes define substance?
24. Describe Spinoza's concept of modes.
25. 'Mind is a tabularasa' – Explain the statement.
26. Why is Berkeley's theory referred to as 'presentationism'?
27. What are impressions according to Hume?
28. Distinguish between noumenon and phenomenon.
29. Briefly explain Kant's Copernican Revolution.
30. What is the Hegel-dilemma?

(2X10=20)

Section C

Answer any five of the following questions in a paragraph each. Each question carries 4 marks.

31. Explain how Thales affirmed water as the 'originating principle' or the single material substance.
32. What are the Proofs put forward by Aquinas for God's existence?
33. Examine how Plato uses the allegory of the cave to explain his double world philosophy.
34. Discuss the four causes explained by Aristotle.
35. Discuss the problem of Evil in Augustine's Philosophy.
36. Explain Cogito ergo sum.
37. Explain Ibn Sina's unique philosophical ideas contributed to Islamic philosophy.
38. Discuss Locke's rejection of innate ideas.
39. Write a note on Plato's theory of Justice.
40. Explain categorical imperative of Kant.

(4X5=20)

Section D

Answer any two of the following questions in 300 words each. Each question carries 10 marks.

41. Explain the dialectical materialism of Marx.
42. Analyze the mind-body relation in the philosophy of Leibniz.
43. Socratic Method is also named as midwifery or maieutic method. Discuss.
44. Discuss subjective idealism of Berkeley.

(10X2=20)