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M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, FEBRUARY 2026
Fourth Semester
M.A. Philosophy
M23PH12DC – Analytic Philosophy
(2023 July 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. Write a note on ordinary language philosophy.
2. Name any two thinkers of analytic philosophy.
3. Who wrote the *Tractatus Logico Philosophicus*?
4. Write a note on *Logical Positivism*.
5. Who proposed the *Game theory of Language*?
6. What is meant by 'function' according to Frege?
7. Who criticized the Cartesian mind as *ghost in the machine*?
8. What is meant by *speech act theory*?
9. Give an account of *implicit performatives of language*.
10. What is meant by *speaker meaning*?
11. Name any two works of Frege.
12. Define Quine's *epistemological holism*.
13. Write a note on the *Vienna circle*.
14. State Davidson's theory of *radical interpretation*.
15. Define A J Ayer's rejection of metaphysics.

(1X10=10)

Section B

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

16. Write a note on Analytic philosophy.
17. Distinguish between *Concept and object in Fregean philosophy*.
18. Explain A. J. Ayer's *Emotive theory of meaning*.
19. Briefly explain the *verification theory*.
20. What is a *synthetic a priori* statement?

21. Elucidate *the picture theory* of truth of Wittgenstein.
22. Explain Quine's theory of *indeterminacy meaning*.
23. How did Austine define meaning as performance?
24. Demonstrate the classification of *illocutionary acts* according to Searle.
25. Distinguish between *Object language and Meta language*.

(2X5=10)

Section C

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

26. Give a detailed description of the origin of Analytic philosophy.
27. Elucidate the theory of *Logical atomism* of Russell.
28. Explain how Frege's *Begriffsschrift* influenced the evolution of contemporary Logic.
29. Explicate Russell' s theory of *definite descriptions*.
30. Write a paragraph on Carnap's rejection of metaphysics.
31. Distinguish between *illocutionary and perlocutionary* acts according to Austin.
32. Describe *deep structure and surface structure* of grammar according to Chomsky.
33. Demonstrate the *Gavagai thought experiment*.

(4X5=20)

Section D

Answer any three of the following questions in two pages each. Each question carries 10 marks.

34. Discuss the two main schools of thought in modern western philosophy.
35. Compare and contrast the contributions of early and later Wittgenstein.
36. Discuss the implications of Ryle's critique of the Cartesian mind in philosophy of mind.
37. Write an essay on Chomsky's contributions to Linguistics.
38. Explain Quine's Naturalist epistemology.
39. Examine the philosophical significance of *the principle of charity* in Davidson's radical interpretation.

(10X3=30)