

2021

PHILOSOPHY

PAPER-I

Time Allowed — 3 Hours

Full Marks — 200

If the questions attempted are in excess of the prescribed number, only the questions attempted first up to the prescribed number shall be valued and the remaining ones ignored.

Answers may be written either in **English** or in **Bengali** but all answers must be in one and same language.

Answer any five questions taking at least two from each group.

**Group-A**

1. How does Descartes arrive at the principle, 'I think, therefore I am'? Is it an inferential truth? Discuss. 30+10=40
2. (a) Critically discuss Leibnitz's theory of monads. In what sense does it differ from Democritus' concept of atom?  
(b) Why did Leibnitz describe the monads as 'windowless'? (15+15)+10=40
3. (a) What are innate ideas?  
(b) How does Locke refute the doctrine of innate ideas?  
(c) What is the influence of this refutation on his theory of knowledge? 5+25+10=40
4. Write short notes on *any two* of the following: 20×2=40
  - (a) Plato's theory of Ideas
  - (b) Berkeley's view on 'Abstract Ideas'
  - (c) Kant's theory of a priori knowledge
  - (d) Verifiability theory of meaning

**Group-B**

5. Discuss *nairātmyavāda* of the Buddhists. Is this view consistent with their doctrine of *karma*? 30+10=40
6. Explain the nature of *Vyāpti* after the Nyāya Philosophy. How is *Vyāpti* known?— Discuss critically. 20+20=40
7. Explain the nature of Brahman according to Ācārya Saṅkara. 40

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8. Write notes on *any two* of the following:

20×2=40

- (a) *Syādvāda*
  - (b) Cārvāka concept of soul
  - (c) Sāṃkhya concept of *Puruṣa*
  - (d) Practical Vedānta
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