

WBCS MADE EASY

CSM(O)/PHIL-I/22

2022

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 given 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. What is the Cartesian Method? How did Descartes apply it to arrive at his principle 'Cogito ergo sum'?
20+20=40
2. 'To be is to be perceived' — How does Berkeley establish this thesis? Does it lead to solipsism?
— Discuss. 40
3. Discuss critically following Kant 'How are synthetic-apriori judgements possible'. 40
4. What is the verification theory of meaning? Discuss in detail. 40

Group-B

5. Explain the Jaina doctrine of Anekāntavāda. Discuss in this context the relation between Anekāntavāda and Syādvāda. 40
6. What according to the Naiyāyikas the difference between determinate and indeterminate (savikalpaka and nirvikalpaka) perception? Explain critically. 40
7. Discuss according the Sāṅkhya school the nature of Puruṣa. How can the existence of plurality of Puruṣa be established? 20+20=40
8. Write short notes on any two of the following: 20×2=40
 - (a) Cārvāka theory of self
 - (b) Aṣṭāṅgika-mārga
 - (c) Māyā after Śāṅkara
 - (d) Practical Vedānta (Swāmi Vivekānanda)