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MWC(O)-PHIL-I/23

2023

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.*

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

Group-A

1. Evaluate Aristotle's view of 'four varieties of cause'. Explain in this connection the importance of the distinction between 'the potential and the actual'. 25+15
2. Is synthetic *a priori* judgement possible? Justify your answer after Kant. 40
3. Explain and examine Hume's view of causation as a relation of 'constant conjunction'. 40
4. Write notes on *any two* of the following: 20×2=40
 - (a) Moore's defence of common-sense
 - (b) Spinoza's view on substance
 - (c) Berkeley's view on God
 - (d) Descartes method of doubt

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Group-B

5. Explain Cārvāka critique of inference. What is its bearing on Cārvāka metaphysics? Discuss. 25+15
6. Explain and examine the main issue of the Buddhist view of momentariness. 40
7. Explain and examine the main feature of Jaina view of Anekānta. How is it related to saptabhaṅgi-naya? 25+15
8. Write notes on *any two* of the following: 20×2=40
 - (a) Samavaya (Vaiśeṣika)
 - (b) Samkhya view of causation (satkāryavāda)
 - (c) Involution and Evolution (Sri Aurobindo)
 - (d) Śaṅkara's view on Māyā