2014

PHILOSOPHY

(Major)

Paper: 1.2

(Epistemology and Metaphysics)

Full Marks: 80

Time: 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

1. Choose and write the correct option/Answer very briefly: \[1 \times 10 = 10\]

(a) "Philosophy is the logical analysis of the proposition of sciences." This view is advocated by logical positivists/realists/idealists.

(b) "Logic is the essence of philosophy." Whose view is this?

(c) Name the dialogue in which Plato exclusively deals with the problem of knowledge.
(d) Who is the advocate of dialectical method?

"Primary qualities are objective and secondary qualities are subjective." Whose view is this?

(f) Name one contemporary realist philosopher.

Which philosopher denies the existence of self?

Which branch of philosophy is concerned with the ultimate values of life?

The absolute for Hegel is god/soul/substance.

Name the philosopher who advocated scientific realism.

2. Write short answer of the following: 2x5=10

(a) Name two traditional idealist philosophers.

(b) What is the literal meaning of the word 'solipsism'?

(c) The central idea of Berkeley's idealism is expressed in one statement. What is that?

(d) What are the different forms of realism?

(e) What do you mean by primary quality and secondary quality?

3. Write short answer of the following (any four): 5x4=20

(a) What are the three conditions of JTB?

(b) Can naive realism explain error?

(c) Distinguish between knowing how and knowing that.

(d) What is the nature of knowledge?

(e) "Philosophy begins in wonder." Do you agree? Give reasons.

4. Answer the following (any four): 10x4=40

(a) "Philosophy is a speculation of life and experience as a whole and of their ultimate value and significance." Discuss critically.
(b) Explain the distinction between knowledge by acquaintance and knowledge by description.

(c) Why is scientific realism called representationalism? Explain scientific realism critically.

(d) Explain and examine idealism of Berkeley. Is Berkeley's idealism subjective?

(e) Write a critical note on the idealism of Hegel.

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