PG Odd Semester Examination, 2022

PHILOSOPHY

(1st Semester)

Course No.: PHICC-502

[Metaphysics (Western)]

Full Marks: 70

Pass Marks: 28

Time: 3 hours

The figures in the right margin indicate full marks for the question.
Answer any five questions, taking one from each unit.

UNIT-I

1. What is Metaphysics? What are its prime concerns? Discuss in detail. 5+9

2. Write briefly on any two : 7+7

   (i) Aristotle's notion of metaphysics

   (ii) Logical Positivism as an anti-metaphysical trend

   (iii) Kant's critique of metaphysics

UNIT-II

3. What are the philosophical usages of the term 'substance'? How do the Empiricists view substance? Discuss. 7+7

4. Are there universals? What are the different philosophical positions on the notion of universal? Explain and examine. 5+9

UNIT-III

5. (a) Discuss the metaphysical significance of the concept of space and time.

   (b) How does the Kantian notion of 'Transcendental Aesthetic' respond to the metaphysical issues related to space and time? 6+8

6. Critically examine Hume's theory of causality. 14

UNIT-IV

7. Are humans free? Is freedom compatible with determinism? Explain. 5+9

8. What do you mean by personal identity? What are the criteria usually applied for identification of a person? Discuss in detail. 5+9

UNIT-V

9. What is existence? How is the problem of existence addressed by Bertrand Russell? Discuss with reference to Russell's theory of descriptions. 5+9

10. Write briefly on : 7+7

    (i) Abstract entitics

    (b) Possible world

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