4. Discuss the nature of mind in the light of Second Meditation. 14

UNIT-III

5. Critically examine Descartes' Trade Mark argument for the existence of God. 14

6. Can God's existence be entailed by the very idea of God? Discuss the proof offered by Descartes in the Fifth Meditation. 4+10=14

UNIT-IV

7. How is error possible? Does it have any relationship with understanding and will according to Descartes? 14

8. Discuss the Cartesian theory of mind-body relationship. Why does Ryle think that Descartes has committed a category mistake? 9+5=14

UNIT-V

9. What are the proofs offered by Descartes in favour of the contention that there is an external world? Explain and examine. 14

10. Write short notes on : (any two) 7+7=14

    (i) Intuition and Deduction

    (b) Classification of Ideas

    (c) Descartes' Project of Pure Enquiry

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The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

Answer any five questions, taking one from each unit.

UNIT-I

1. Write a critical note on the philosophical background of Rene Dsscartes. Does he deserve the title of the Father of Modern Western Philosophy? 10+4=14

2. What are the things which some under the scope of doubt? Discuss the significance of Descartes Method of Doubt. 14

UNIT-II

3. How does Descartes arriev at the First Principle of his philosophy? What is the significance of this first principle? Is 'Cogito ergo sum' a dervied truth? 5+5+4=14