

M.A. in Philosophy
Examination, 2023
Semester-III
Course: MAPHILOP310
Feminist Perspectives (Western)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks-60

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin

Answer any four questions

1. What is Feminist Philosophy? Does Feminist Philosophy introduce a new range of concepts which no other field of philosophy addresses? Discuss. 15
 2. Critically explain the feminist political position of Socialist Feminism. 15
 3. Briefly discuss the differences between Liberal Feminism and Radical Feminism. 15
 4. Explain and examine the alleged andocentric biases in Western Philosophy advanced by the feminist philosophers. 15
 5. What are the central points of debate on feminine essentialism? Briefly examine the views of different feminists on it. 15
 6. Distinguish between sex and gender. Elucidate in this connection social expectation from the male and the female with regard to role playing. 15
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M.A. Examination 2023
Semester –III
Philosophy
Paper- [MAPHILOP301] - Nyāya : Unit-I

Time-3 Hours

Full Marks -60

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Answer any four questions.

- 1.a. What is *pramāṇa*? What is *artha*? 3+2=5
- b. "*pramāṇatoḥ arthapratipattau pravṛttisāmarthyādarthavat pramaṇam*" – Explain the statement. 10
- 2.a. State the *lakṣaṇa* of *pratyakṣa* given by Gautam and explain each term occurring in the *lakṣaṇa* of *pratyakṣa* given in Nyāyasūtra. 10
- b. Is *ātmamāṇasamyoga* incorporated in the *lakṣaṇa* of *pratyakṣa*? If not, why? Explain after Vātsyāyana. 5
3. Who is an *āpta* and what is *upadeśa* according to Vātsyāyana? How does Vātsyāyana explain the definition of *śabda pramāṇa* formulated by Gautam. Mention and illustrate with suitable examples the types of *śabdapramāṇa* after Vātsyāyana. 5+5+5=15
4. Explain the *lakṣaṇa* of *samśaya* given in Nyāyasūtra and illustrate its different causes with suitable causes after Vātsyāyana. 5+10=15
5. Explain different kinds of *siddhānta* with suitable examples. 15
6. What is *kathā*? Discuss the nature of *vāda kathā*. Distinguish between *vāda kathā* and *jalpa kathā*. 2+10+3=15

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Semester - III

Philosophy

Paper –MAPHILOP305

Buddhist Epistemology

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 60

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin.

Answer **any four** questions from the following.

1. State and explain the definition of *manavijñāna* given by Dharmakīrti. How does Dharmakīrti respond to the objections raised against the notion of *manavijñāna*. 10+5=15
2. Give a critical account of *samyagjñāna* following Dharmakīrti. 15
3. How does Dharmakīrti prove that the *pramāna* and *pramāṇaphala* are the same? 15
4. State and explain the definition of perception given by Dharmakīrti. In what respects Dharmakīrti's definition of perception differs from that of Dignāga? Discuss. 10+5=15
5. Explain the characteristics of *hetu* after *Nyāyabindu*. Is it necessary to mention all the characteristics of *hetu* separately? Give reasons for your answer. 10+5=15
6. Give a critical account of *anupalabdhi hetu* following Dharmakīrti. 15

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Semester – III

Paper: Philosophy of Mind (Unit -1)

Time: 3 Hours

Course: MAPHIL OP307

Full Marks: 60

Questions are of equal value or as indicated in the margin

Answer any 4 questions

1. Explain why the very idea of mind-body interaction poses an acute difficulty for Descartes. 15
2. Discuss critically Descartes' arguments for the 'real distinction' between himself and his body. 15
3. State the position of epiphenomenalism and discuss in this connection what might have motivated such a view. 7+ 8
4. Mental states, as revealed in introspection, appear radically different from any neuro-physiological states. Could they possibly be numerically identical? Give reasons for your answer. 15
5. What, according to functionalism, is the defining feature of any type of mental state? Are such states immaterial in nature? 12+3
6. In what sense Popper's hypothesis of interaction differs from that of Descartes? Explain. 15

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Semester-III

Course- MAPHILOP316 (Islamic Philosophy)

Time- Three Hours

Full Marks-60

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin.

Answer *any four* questions from the following.

1. Why Mutazilites are called the rationalist philosophers of Islam? What are their views concerning the *Dhat* and *Sifat* of Allah? Explain and Examine. 5+10=15
2. Who are the Asharites in Islam? What are their contributions in the development of Islamic Philosophy? Discuss. 5+10=15
3. What is meant by *Wahdat-ul-Wujud*? Is *Wahdat-ul-Wujud* philosophy compatible with Islamic Shariah? Elucidate critically. 5+10=15
4. Expound critically the philosophy of *Wahdat-us-Shuhud*. Do you think that *Wahdat-us-Shuhud* philosophy is sufficient to understand the Supreme Reality of Islam? Give reasoned response. 10+5=15
5. Who is Al-Farabi? Discuss fully the nature and content of Al-Farabi's Metaphysics. 5+10=15
6. Why is Al Ghazali familiar as Huzzat-ul-Islam (Logician of Islam)? How does Al-Ghazali reconcile between science and the Shariah? Elucidate critically. 7+8=15

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Philosophy
Paper –MAPHILCP301
Western Analytic Philosophy

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 60

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin.
Answer **any four** questions from the following.

1. What is the common-sense view of the universe, according to Moore? Can common-sense view be considered as a philosophical view of the universe? Give reasons for your answer. 10+5=15
2. How does Frege distinguish sense from idea? What, according to him, is the sense of a sentence? Explain with an example. 7+8=15
3. What is the solution provided by Russell to the problem of substitution? Do you think that Russell's solution to this problem is more acceptable than that of Frege? Give reasons for your answer. 10+5=15
4. What is identity relation, according to Frege? In this connection explain Frege's tripartite theory of meaning. 5+10=15
5. How does Strawson respond to Russell's theory of definite description? 15
6. Examine the arguments provided by Quine against the notion of analyticity. 15

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Semester – III

Philosophy

MAPHILOP311 – Social and Political Philosophy: Theoretical Approaches (Part-I)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 60

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin.

Answer any four questions.

1. How does Marx relate the ruling ideas to the dominant material relationships? What is the role of the intellectual class in perfecting the illusion of the ideas of ruling class? Discuss.
8+7
2. What does Marx mean by revolutionary practice? How does he differentiate between the social revolution and political revolution? Explain.
5+10
3. Briefly explain why Nietzsche conceives the Overman as the antithesis of the 'last man'.
10+5
4. What is 'will to power', according to Nietzsche? How does it operate in the creation of moral values? Elucidate.
5+10
5. How does Foucault elaborate power relations as different from the substantive power? How does power operate in the knowledge productions? Explain.
8+7
6. What does Frantz Fanon mean by 'dual narcissism' under the colonial conditions? How is 'disalienation' proposed as remedy to the problem? Elaborate.
8+7

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Paper: Phenomenology and Existentialism

Time: 3 Hours

Course: MAPHILCP302

Full Marks: 60

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Answer any 4 questions

1. What are the distinctive notions and principles of phenomenology as envisaged by Husserl? Discuss. 15
2. What, according to Husserl, is wrong with the representative theory of perception and what is his own take about an intentional object? Explain. 15
3. What are the problematic issues psychologism and how can we overcome them? Discuss after Husserl. 15
4. Do you agree with the claim that existentialism is an attempt to philosophize from the standpoint of the actor rather than from that of the spectator? Give reasons for your answer. 15
5. Explain, after Kierkegaard, how an individual may be in truth even if what she believes is objectively uncertain. 15
6. Discuss, after Sartre, how the being of consciousness and the being of phenomena are related and yet very different from each other. 15