

BA (Hons.) Sem-IV Examination, 2025
Subject: Philosophy
Paper / Course: MJPL07 [Western Epistemology]

Time: 3 hours

Full Marks: 80

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

1. Make a comparison between the correspondence theory of truth and the coherence theory of truth. 20
2. Critically examine the counter-examples given by Gettier against the traditional definition of knowledge. 20
3. Give brief expositions of different forms of skepticism. Explain the argument in support of philosophical skepticism based on the thought-experiment involving the idea of Brain-in-a-Vat. 8+12 =20
4. Explain why simple and uncritical observations of the natural phenomena do not help us to discover causal relations. 6+14 =20
Critically explain Mill's method of difference as a method of discovery of causal relations.
5. What is induction? Why does Karl Popper assert that induction is a myth? Discuss. 6+14 =20
6. Why does the foundationalist introduce the idea of basic belief? Explain. Distinguish between appearance beliefs and ordinary perceptual beliefs as prima facie justified beliefs. 6+14 =20

Four Year Undergraduate Programme
Philosophy (Major) Semester –IV
Paper: MJPL08_Philosophy: Indian Epistemology
Examination Session 2024- 2025-May: Regular

Time: 3 Hours

Marks: 80

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Answer any four questions from the following.

1. Explain the concept of *yathārtha anubhava*, *ayathārtha anubhava*, *karāṇa* and *kāraṇa* following Nyāya. 5+5+5+5=20
2. Discuss, following Nyāya, different kinds of *laukika sannikarṣa*-s required for different kinds of objects of ordinary perceptions with suitable examples. 20
3. Define *Vyāpti* following Tarkasaṃgraha Dīpikā. How do we ascertain *vyāpti*? Answer following Annambhaṭṭa. 10+10=20
4. Give a brief account on *upamāna pramāṇa*. 20
5. Elucidate the notion of *pramāṇa saṃplava* and *pramāṇa vyavasthā*. 20
6. Explain the Nyāya theory of *prāmāṇya*. 20

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Four Year Undergraduate Programme-Philosophy (Major)

MJPL10-Philosophy: Feminist Philosophy

Examination Session 2024-2025- MAY: REGULAR

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 80

Questions are of equal value as indicated in the margin.

Answer any four questions

1. Describe feminist philosophy. Does feminist philosophy present new ideas that aren't covered by other branches of philosophy? Give a full response. 10+10=20
2. Analyze feminist politics critically in the light of socialist and liberal feminism's proponents. 20
3. Distinguish between biological sex (male or female) and gender (social expectations about what constitutes proper behavior for men and women). 20
4. Write a brief essay discussing the position of women in Hinduism during the Middle and later Vedic period. 20
5. Examine critically the eight stringent rules that Buddhist philosophy established to form gender practices. 20
6. Regarding gender equity, do you believe Gandhi's sociopolitical philosophy is feminist? Justify your response. 20

B.A. (Honours) Examination, 2025 (NEP)
Semester IV
Philosophy
MJLP09: Philosophy of Religion

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 80

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

1. How can religion be defined from different perspectives? What is meant by the term 'philosophy of religion'? 12 + 8 = 20
2. Discuss the 'sufficient reason argument' developed by Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz to establish the existence of God. What are the major objections raised against this argument? 10 + 10 = 20
3. Write a short essay on Paley's teleological argument. What are the counter-arguments presented in Hume's *Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion* against the teleological argument? What are the central aspects of developed religions? 5 + 5 + 10 = 20
4. What are the four characteristics of mystical experience as described by William James? Explain the mystical experience of Caitanya. Why mystical religious experiences are not considered as absolute proof of divinity? 6 + 7 + 7 = 20
5. Compare and contrast Augustinian theodicy and Irenaean theodicy. 20
6. Write short note on any two of the following: 2 x 10 = 20
 - (a) Vira Saivism
 - (c) Saiva Siddhanta
 - (d) Deism and Theism
 - (f) On Gaunilo's 'In Behalf of the Fool'

B.A. Examination 2025
Philosophy
Semester – IV
Ethics in Practice

Time: 3 hours

Full Marks: 80

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Answer **any four** questions from the following

1. What is business ethics? Distinguish between the Stakeholder and the Stockholder theories of business ethics. Explain the concept of 'corporate moral agency' in the same context. 3+7+10 = 20
2. What is moral dilemma? What are its types? Give an example of any instance involving moral dilemma between 'killing' and 'letting die'. 5+10+5 = 20
3. Define abortion? Explain the view of Mary Warren regarding moral permissibility of abortion. 5+15 = 20
4. State and explain the basic contentions of the main theories of environmental ethics. 20
5. What is euthanasia? Elaborate the concept with instances from history. State three arguments in favour of euthanasia. 4+8+8 = 20
6. Write short-notes: 5+5+5+5=20
 - a. Sustainable development
 - b. Animal Rights
 - c. Bio-ethics
 - d. Intrinsic value and instrumental value