

4/PHI-251 Syllabus-2023

2026

(May-June)

FYUP : 4th Semester Examination

PHILOSOPHY

(History of Modern Western Philosophy)

(PHI-251)

Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

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

Answer any five questions.

1. What is meant by 'Cogito' Ergo Sum? Explain how Descartes arrives at this conclusion through his methodic doubt. 3+12=15
2. Explain the nature of attributes and modes, according to Spinoza. How are they related to substance? 7½+7½=15
3. What does Leibnitz mean by monads? Explain the main characteristics of monads and their role in Leibnitz's metaphysical system. 5+10=15
4. Write a critical note on Locke's distinction between simple and complex ideas. 15

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5. Explain Hume's distinction between impression and ideas and examine their importance in his theory of knowledge. $7\frac{1}{2}+7\frac{1}{2}=15$
6. Explain and examine Kant's view on categories of understanding. 15
7. What does Hegel mean by the absolute? Examine Hegel's doctrine of absolute idealism. $3+12=15$
8. Evaluate Locke's distinction between primary and secondary qualities. 15
9. Discuss Hegel's dialectical method. 15
10. Write short notes on any two of the following : $7\frac{1}{2}\times 2=15$
 - (a) Esse est percipi
 - (b) Phenomena and noumena
 - (c) Hume's theory of causality
 - (d) Synthetic a priori judgements
