

**SECOND SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE (REGULAR/SUPPLEMENTARY)
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(CBCSS)

Philosophy

PHL 2C 08—PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE

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1. Regarding the origin of 20th century analytic philosophy is _____ in orientation.
(A) Psychological. (B) Non-psychological.
(C) Intuitive. (D) Transcendental.
2. Frege's concern was mainly _____ issues.
(A) Botanical. (B) Logico-linguistic.
(C) Religious. (D) Ethical.
3. The _____ form of system of logic is through the conceptual notation of Frege.
(A) Old. (B) Traditional.
(C) Modern. (D) Classical.
4. For Frege concepts are _____ entities.
(A) Subjective. (B) Transcendent.
(C) Objective. (D) Transient.
5. According to Frege, _____ can be called the science which makes discoveries about the existence and properties of certain independent abstract objects say numbers.
(A) Taxonomy. (B) Physics.
(C) Arithmetic. (D) Botany.
6. According to Frege, it is in the _____ of a sentence that a word has meaning.
(A) Hierarchy. (B) Context.
(C) Clarity. (D) Inferiority.
7. The new logic was a way to deal with formal structure of propositions, their _____ between themselves, with analysis of their internal parts and components.
(A) Exclusion. (B) Psychology.
(C) Interrelations. (D) Differences.
8. In thought being expressed in logical analysis distinctive colourings and tones are to be _____.
(A) Included. (B) Involved.
(C) Highlighted. (D) Excluded.

9. According to Bertrand Russell in a logically perfect language there is exactly _____ word for a simple object.
- (A) Two. (B) One.
(C) Multiple. (D) Infinite.
10. By using the language of _____ one could make out the differences between proper name and definite description.
- (A) Arithmetic. (B) Geometry.
(C) Symbolic logic. (D) Simplicity.
11. The truths of logic and mathematics are true in _____ possible worlds.
- (A) All. (B) Few.
(C) Some. (D) No.
12. According to Quine, if we are to construe logic as true by convention, we must rest logic ultimately upon some manner of convention other than :
- (A) Analogy. (B) Definition.
(C) Superimposition. (D) Hierarchy.
13. Quine states that regarding what operation is to be carried out upon the expressions there are such _____.
- (A) Constituents. (B) Elements.
(C) Technicalities. (D) Categories.
14. According to Quine, it is through _____ of construction that infinite category of variables is generated.
- (A) Iteration. (B) Subtraction.
(C) Reduction. (D) Decrease.
15. According to Davidson we have to start from _____ of the parts of a sentence to have a theory of meaning for each sentence.
- (A) Opposition. (B) Addition.
(C) Meaning. (D) Subtraction.

16. According to Davidson if demonstratives are _____ then logical error cannot be treated as happen :
- (A) Variables. (B) Formal
(C) Partial. (D) Constant.
17. It is through the internalizing principle governing its use that we use language, Dummett considers these to be capable of _____.
- (A) Reflection. (B) Representation.
(C) Nothing. (D) Everything.
18. Dummett states that linguistic meanings are products of convention which enable _____ to take place.
- (A) Interpretation. (B) Repetition.
(C) Evaluation. (D) Recovery.
19. According to Dummett, theory of meaning has _____ role within philosophy.
- (A) Negligible. (B) Partial.
(C) Foundational. (D) Marginalized.
20. The main concern of transformative grammar was regarding _____.
- (A) Semantics. (B) Syntax.
(C) Illusion. (D) Fantasy.

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Part A

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1. Analytic Philosophy.
2. Generative Grammar.
3. Extension.
4. Performative Utterances.
5. Empirical Truths.
6. Co-referring Expressions.
7. Logical Atomism.

(4 × 2 = 8 weightage)

Turn over

Part B

*Answer any four questions.
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8. How does Frege makes a distinction between concept and object in a sentence ? Explain.
9. Write a note on Logical Positivism and its significance in the history of Philosophy.
10. Is meaning the same as naming ? Discuss.
11. Examine the distinction between sense and reference.
12. Write a short note on Ordinary Language Philosophy.
13. Describe the reference theory of meaning.
14. How is a semantic theory and a meaning-theory connected ?

(4 × 3 = 12 weightage)

Part C

*Answer any two questions.
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15. Explain Russel's theory of description in detail.
16. Elucidate Frege's distinction between sense and reference and discuss its significance for philosophy of language.
17. Explain and relate deep structures and surface structures.
18. Explain the analytic - synthetic distinction and how Quine has argued against it.

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1. Which of the following critics is associated with post-structuralism rather than structuralism?
 - (A) Michel Foucault.
 - (B) Vladimir Propp.
 - (C) Roman Jakobson.
 - (D) Jacques Lacan.
2. One of the key terms in Derrida's thought is :
 - (A) Good Writing.
 - (B) Structuralism.
 - (C) Difference.
 - (D) Presence.
3. Jacques Derrida's *Of Grammatology* explains :
 - (A) Theory of "writing".
 - (B) Issues with Jacques Lacan.
 - (C) Plan for world domination.
 - (D) The grammar of modern Klingon.
4. Why does Jean Baudrillard think we live in simulated realities :
 - (A) We can't tell the difference between a dream and reality.
 - (B) We can never know the truth, so we adopt ideologies which reshape the world in our minds.
 - (C) We like to live in denial about our responsibility.
 - (D) We try to control the world around us through our actions.
5. Postmodernism rejects which of the following metanarratives :
 - (A) Science/ Secularism.
 - (B) Christian.
 - (C) Muslim.
 - (D) All metanarratives are rejected
6. Author of, *On humanistic education* :
 - (A) Jean Baudrillard.
 - (B) Giambattista Vico.
 - (C) Jean-François Lyotard.
 - (D) Jean Jacques Rousseau.
7. According to Saussure a language is a system of :
 - (A) Signs.
 - (B) Logic.
 - (C) Symbols.
 - (D) Numbers.

8. For Vico Language, is a kind of :
- (A) Knowledge. (B) Power.
(C) Dominance. (D) Collective intelligence.
9. The philosophical school founded by Derrida is called :
- (A) Structuralism. (B) Decentralism.
(C) Phenomenology. (D) Semantics
10. Who has measured 'modernity as an unfinished project' :
- (A) Jean Baudrillard. (B) John the Baptist.
(C) Jean-Francois Lyotard. (D) Habermas.
11. Which one of the following concepts is not given by Derrida ?
- (A) Cultural Capital. (B) Logocentrism.
(C) Deconstruction. (D) Difference.
12. 'Lyotard's dictum' I define postmodern as incredulity toward meta-narratives' means :
- (A) Individual stories are suspect.
(B) The law is static.
(C) Universal values are meaningless.
(D) Literature reproduces repression.
13. Deconstruction is in terms of a critique of the :
- (A) Binary. (B) Actual.
(C) Nomena. (D) Phenomena.
14. Postmodernism put forward the notion of :
- (A) Death of the subject. (B) Reclaiming the subject.
(C) Domination of subject. (D) Power of the subject.
15. A copy or image without reference to an original
- (A) Simulacrum. (B) Perfect.
(C) Ideal. (D) Illusive.

16. In 'Rhetoric of the Image' Barthes asserting :
- (A) Demythologizing reading of the image.
 - (B) Breakdown.
 - (C) Interference.
 - (D) Regularisation.
17. Author of - Lenin and Philosophy and Other Essays :
- (A) Louis Althusser.
 - (B) Michel Foucault.
 - (C) Ferdinand de Saussure.
 - (D) Jacques Derrida.
18. Cogito, ergo sum means :
- (A) I think therefore I am.
 - (B) I am.
 - (C) Deconstruction.
 - (D) Irrationalism.
19. For Marx superstructure is :
- (A) Ideology.
 - (B) Labour.
 - (C) Infrastructure
 - (D) Revolutionary.
20. "There is nothing outside the text" articulated by :
- (A) Ferdinand de Saussure.
 - (B) Jean-François Lyotard.
 - (C) Jean Jacques Rousseau.
 - (D) Jacques Derrida.

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Part A

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1. Cultural Hegemony.
2. Prague School.
3. Textuality.
4. *Oration on the Dignity of Man.*
5. Metanarrative.
6. Discourse.
7. Modernity.

(4 × 2 = 8 weightage)

Turn over

Part B

*Answer any four questions.
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8. Do you agree with the statement that Structuralism denies the concept of human freedom ? Explain.
9. Explain and relate deep structures and surface structures.
10. Examine the position of post structuralism on language.
11. Explain Althusser's understanding of ideology.
12. According to Gadamer, how neutral can a scholar be while interpreting a text ? Explain.
13. Is the link between signal and signification arbitrary ? Discuss.
14. Write a short note on the development of structuralism.

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Part C

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15. 'Post-structuralism discards the idea of interpreting media (or the world) within pre-established, socially constructed structures.' Explain this statement analysing post-structuralist critique of Structuralism.
16. Explain in detail Lyotard's criticism of meta-narratives.
17. Discuss Deconstructionism as a criticism of Platonism in that it argues 'essence is to be found in appearance'.
18. Explain some of the fundamental premises of humanism that might serve to justify and explain present social structures and institutions.

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1. The two concepts that are of paramount importance in the Upanishads are _____ and _____.
 (A) Sat and Asat. (B) Being and Non-Being.
 (C) Truth and Reality. (D) Brahman and Atman.
2. The words Brahman and _____ are two aspects of the same entity, that is, impersonal and personal God.
 (A) Ishvara. (B) Atman.
 (C) Maya. (D) Adyasa.
3. The word Jainism is derived from the word 'Jina' which means _____.
 (A) Warrior. (B) Compassionate.
 (C) Thirthankara. (D) Conqueror.
4. According to Jainism the whole universe is brought under the two everlasting, eternal and co-existing categories which are called _____ and _____.
 (A) Body and mind. (B) Atman and Brahman.
 (C) Space and time. (D) Jiva and Ajiva.
5. The _____ souls are live in the atoms of earth, water, fire and air and in the vegetable kingdom and have only one sense, of touch.
 (A) Mobile. (B) Immobile.
 (C) Absolute. (D) Infinite.
6. The lokakasa contains all the worlds where life and movement are and at the summit of Lokākāsha is _____.
 (A) Sadakatama. (B) Dharana.
 (C) Dharma. (D) Siddhashila.
7. _____ is a path of practice and spiritual development leading to Insight into the true nature of reality.
 (A) Jainism. (B) Buddhism.
 (C) Nyaya. (D) Samkhya.

8. The Four Noble Truths are a contingency plan for dealing with the _____ of a physical kind, or of a mental nature.
- (A) Intelligence. (B) Suffering.
(C) Absoluteness. (D) Infiniteness.
9. The purpose of _____ is to clear one's path from confusion, misunderstanding, and deluded thinking.
- (A) Eight fold path. (B) Right speech.
(C) Right action. (D) Right view.
10. _____ recognizes the need to take the ethical approach in life, to consider others and the world we live in.
- (A) Right speech. (B) Right Intent.
(C) Right Action. (D) Right Thought.
11. The doctrine the Middle Path or Madhyama pratipat avoids both _____ and nihilism.
- (A) Infinite. (B) Etemalism.
(C) Externalism. (D) Experimentalism.
12. Kapila is regarded as the Father of _____ in the history of mankind.
- (A) Cosmology. (B) Teleology.
(C) Ontology. (D) Deontology.
13. Samkhya holds that _____ evolves for the sake of the Purusha.
- (A) Mahat. (B) Ahankara.
(C) Mind. (D) Prakrti.
14. Since the first principle of the universe, Prakrti is called the _____.
- (A) Pradhāna. (B) Jada.
(C) Nirukta. (D) Savicara.
15. _____ is concerned with the actions of objects.
- (A) Satva. (B) Rajas.
(C) Tamas. (D) Mind.

16. According to Samkhya ————— is not a substance which possesses the quality of Consciousness.
- (A) Purusa. (B) Prakrti.
(C) God. (D) Isvara.
17. The dynamism of Prakrti is attributed to its constituent —————.
- (A) Dravyas. (B) Gunas.
(C) Karmas. (D) Essences.
18. ————— changes involve radical interaction among the three gunas.
- (A) Parallel. (B) Ontological.
(C) Heterogeneous. (D) Homogeneous.
19. Literally the word ————— means 'end of the Vedas'.
- (A) Advaita. (B) Daita.
(C) Vedanta. (D) Visistadvaita.
20. According to ————— Brahman is asserted to have attributes, including individual conscious souls and matter.
- (A) Advaita. (B) Daita.
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Part A

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1. Saccidānanda.
2. Anekantavāda.
3. Tajjalan.
4. Ajiva category.
5. Tattva traya.
6. Panchabheda.
7. Prakrtiparināma vāda.

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Turn over

Part B

Answer any four questions.

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8. Write a short note on Prasthanā traya.
9. Distinguish between Brahmaparināma vāda and Brahma vivartha vāda.
10. Give an account of the Astāngamarga in early Buddhism.
11. State and explain the four important mahāvakyas in the Upanishads.
12. Briefly explain the arguments put forward by Sāṃkhya system to prove the existence of Prakṛti.
13. Examine the concept of Aprāthaksiddhi.
14. Explain the different levels of Reality according to Advaita Vedānta.

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Part C (Essays)

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15. 'The doctrine of Pratitya Samudpada or Dependent Origination is the foundation of all teachings of Buddha.'- Evaluate this statement.
16. Explain the metaphysical teachings of Advaita Vedānta of Sankara.
17. Critically evaluate the concept of Prakṛti and Puruṣa in Sāṃkhya Philosophy.
18. 'Upanishads are the highest teachings of the Reality.' - Substantiate this view.

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1. The founder of Positivism is :
 - (A) Saint Simon.
 - (B) C. S. Pierce.
 - (C) August Comte.
 - (D) Francis Bacon.
2. The Problem of Knowledge was written by _____.
 - (A) Aristotle.
 - (B) Plato.
 - (C) A.J. Ayer.
 - (D) Collingwood.
3. Who among the following is considered as the Subjective Idealist ?
 - (A) Spinoza.
 - (B) Leibniz.
 - (C) Berkeley.
 - (D) None of these.
4. According to _____ proposition must be verified to be meaningful.
 - (A) Logical positivist.
 - (B) Modernist.
 - (C) Atomist.
 - (D) None of these.
5. The task of _____ is to distinguish between being and entities.
 - (A) Ontology.
 - (B) Phenomenology.
 - (C) Hermeneutics.
 - (D) Existentialism.
6. The fundamental thesis of _____ consists in denying the possibility of synthetic a priori knowledge.
 - (A) Logical positivism.
 - (B) Modernism.
 - (C) Atomism.
 - (D) None of these.
7. Space, time and categories of understanding are _____ forms of knowledge.
 - (A) Apriori.
 - (B) Aposteriori.
 - (C) Intuitive.
 - (D) All of these.
8. Monadology is the work of _____.
 - (A) Leibniz.
 - (B) Descartes.
 - (C) Hume.
 - (D) Comte.

9. The two branches of Metaphysics are :
- (A) Religion and Theology.
 - (B) Rationalism and Empiricism.
 - (C) Ontology and Cosmology.
 - (D) Materialism and Spiritualism.
10. For Descartes the proposition 'I think' is self-verifying because :
- (A) It is a necessary truth.
 - (B) It is a logical truth.
 - (C) Doubting it confirms it.
 - (D) Thinking is my essence.
11. According to _____, only mind and their ideas exist.
- (A) Hume.
 - (B) Leibniz.
 - (C) Spinoza.
 - (D) Berkeley.
12. According to _____, monads are windowless.
- (A) Descartes.
 - (B) Leibniz.
 - (C) Spinoza.
 - (D) Hegel.
13. Leibniz belongs to _____ school.
- (A) Rationalism.
 - (B) Empiricism.
 - (C) Idealism.
 - (D) None of these.
14. According to Berkeley matter is an _____.
- (A) Immanent idea.
 - (B) Abstract idea.
 - (C) Pure idea.
 - (D) None of these.
15. Who introduced the concept 'Cogito ergosum' ?
- (A) Spinoza.
 - (B) Leibniz.
 - (C) Kant.
 - (D) Descartes.
16. Who called God as Natura Naturata ?
- (A) Locke.
 - (B) Kant.
 - (C) Spinoza.
 - (D) Hume.

17. According to Leibniz the monads are _____ and everything is potential or implicit in it.
- (A) Modifications. (B) Windowless.
(C) Strong. (D) None of these.
18. According to Spinoza body and mind :
- (A) Interact with each other. (B) Are causally related.
(C) Are parallel to each other. (D) None of these.
19. _____ defines monads as Centres of force or energy.
- (A) Kant. (B) Hegel.
(C) Leibniz. (D) Hume.
20. _____ is the view that God is the immanent principle of universe.
- (A) Pluralism. (B) Dualism.
(C) Pantheism. (D) Atheism.

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1. Cogito ergo sum.
2. Copernican Revolution.
3. Dualism.
4. Formal cause.
5. Phenomena.
6. Pseudo-science.
7. Pantheism.

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Part B

*Answer any four questions.
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8. Give a brief account of Logical Positivism.
9. Analyze the importance of the dictum, 'Existence precedes essence.'
10. Briefly explain interactionism in the philosophy of Descartes.
11. Examine the importance of language game in the philosophy of Wittgenstein.
12. Discuss the concept of God in the philosophy of Aristotle.
13. Distinguish between empiricism and rationalism.
14. Why is Kant's philosophy called empirical realism ? Explain.

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Part C

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15. Explain Kant's exposition of space and time.
16. 'Matter and form are the fundamental categories of Aristotle's philosophy by means of which he seeks to explain the entire universe.' - Elucidate this statement.
17. What do you mean by verification principle ? Examine the criticisms levelled against it.
18. Examine the problem of substance in the philosophy of Spinoza.

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