

## FOURTH SEMESTER P.G. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2021

(CCSS)

M.A. Philosophy

PH 14 E14—ISSUES IN PHENOMENOLOGY

(2019 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

*Answer any eight questions from the following.**Each question carries 10 marks.**Answers not to exceed 500 words each.*

1. *"In making our body thematic, we refer to it as an intentional and thus temporal object."* -Explain this view of Merleau Ponty.
2. *'Dasein is ontically distinctive in that it is ontological.'*- Elucidate.
3. Give a brief account of the problem of Intentionality in the philosophy of Husserl.
4. Examine the concept of 'existenz' in Heidegger's philosophy.
5. Briefly explain the different phases of Husserl's Phenomenology.
6. How does Gadamer reveal that prejudices are necessary to and productive of understanding ? Explain.
7. Give an account of Ricoeur's theory of interpretation. Evaluate its peculiarities.
8. Examine the relevance of the theory of communicative action in the philosophy of Habermas.
9. Briefly explain the three existential structures according to Heidegger.
10. Analyse the importance of Gadamer's concept of effective history.
11. Give an account of objective of history in the philosophy of Ricoeur.
12. 'According to Levinas, responsibility is a pre-conscious, sensible responsible to the exteriority of the Other.' Explain.

(8 × 10 = 80 marks)

**FOURTH SEMESTER P.G. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2021**

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M.A. Philosophy

PH 14 C12—ISSUES IN MODERN INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

(2019 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

*Answer any eight questions from the following.**Each question carries 10 marks.**Answers not to exceed 500 words each.*

1. 'Yoga is the realization of the divinity here-on-earth- in the bodily state itself; it does not lead to a supernatural existence.' - Explain this statement highlighting the features of the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo.
2. Critically analyze the concept of Universal Religion envisaged by Swami Vivekananda.
3. Examine the nature of self in the philosophy of Iqbal.
4. Discuss Rabindranath Tagore's views on Religion. Evaluate its contemporary relevance.
5. Give an account of the special features of the Radical humanism of M.N. Roy.
6. Describe the concept of religious mind in the philosophy of Jiddu Krishnamurti.
7. Briefly explain the importance of the Advaitic re-interpretation in the philosophy of Sree Narayana Guru.
8. Analyse Dr. S. Radhakrishnan's concept of Man and his Destiny.
9. 'Sarvodaya is the apex of Gandhian Socialism.' -Explain.
10. Give a critical analysis of the Transcendental idealism of K.C.Bhattacharya.
11. Discuss the concept of Democratic Socialism expounded by B.R. Ambedkar.
12. Give a brief account of the contributions of Dayakrishna to Modern Indian thought.

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**FOURTH SEMESTER P.G. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2021**

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M.A. Philosophy

PHI 4C 11—COGNITIVE SCIENCE

(2019 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

*Answer any eight questions from the following.**Each question carries 10 marks.**Answers not to exceed 500 words each.*

1. Define 'cognitive science' and bring out its interdisciplinary bases.
2. Explain the differences between Type Identity and Token Identity and bring out Hilary Putnam's position regarding Mind-Brain Type Identity.
3. Bring out the main tenets of Descartes' theory of mind. Add a note on the main objections to it.
4. Describe the Imitation Game organized by Turing.
5. Bring out the procedure and application of computational modeling. Add a note on multiscale modeling.
6. Analyze the hypothesis that all or part of the mind is a symbol manipulation system.
7. Write a note on 'functionalism' and explain how the Turing Machine model demonstrates the functionalist hypothesis.
8. Bring out the viewpoint of embodied cognition that cognitive processes are deeply rooted in the body's interactions with the world.
9. Bring out the role of representation in cognition and add describe how qualia are represented.
10. Define and describe the concept of 'dynamical system' and elucidate the terms 'state space' and 'dynamical rule'.
11. Define 'connectionism' and bring out its key features.
12. Do you think that the functional identity between human mind and computer implies the proposition - 'Mind is just a computer' ? Substantiate your position.

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M.A. Philosophy

PH 14 C10—CONTINENTAL PHILOSOPHY

(2019 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

*Answer any eight questions from the following.**Each question carries 10 marks.**Answers not to exceed 500 words each.*

1. Bring out Husserl's idea of intentionality as the "fundamental property of consciousness" and the "principal theme of phenomenology".
2. Analyze Heidegger's concept of Dasein's bodily nature (Leiblichkeit) as a way of its Being-in-the-world.
3. "Nothingness carries being in its heart." Present Sartre's conception of the threefold structure of Being and explain characteristics of the one to which the aforementioned remark suits.
4. Explain Habermas' theory of communicative action, and analyze his view that social pathologies can be understood as forms of manifestation of systematically distorted communication.
5. Describe the Deleuzian account of difference and repetition.
6. Analyze the significance of Saussure's sign theory as a turning point in continental philosophy and add a note on the basic categories of the theory.
7. Analyze the threefold structure of the psyche as presented in Lacan's theory.
8. Expound Badiou's post-foundational conception of the two different structurally destructive and constructive dimensions of subjectivity.
9. Bring out Gadamer's idea of the linguisticity of understanding in the context of the universal horizon of hermeneutic experience.
10. Elaborate the implications of the statement - Deconstruction is the name for the art of reading by which one finds the cracks and fractures in one's thinking and self-understanding.

11. Explain the ramifications of Zizek's reconceptualization of the Cartesian subject.
12. Write notes on any two of the following :
  - a) Metanarratives.
  - b) Jean-Luc Nancy's thematization of the community.
  - c) Levinas' notion of alterity.

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**FOURTH SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE (REGULAR) EXAMINATION  
MARCH 2021**

(CBCSS)

Philosophy

PHL 4E 07—MODERN MORAL PHILOSOPHY

(2019 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

**General Instructions**

1. *In cases where choices are provided, students can attend all questions in each section.*
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**Part A (Short Answers)**

*Answer any four questions.  
Each question carries 2 weightage.  
Answer should not exceed 50 words.*

1. Moral discourse.
2. Meta-ethics.
3. Ethical Cognitivism.
4. *Principia Ethica.*
5. Ethical Emotivism.
6. Perlocutionary force.
7. Ethical Skepticism.

(4 × 2 = 8 weightage)

**Part B (Short Essays)**

*Answer any four questions.  
Each question carries 3 weightage.  
Answer should not exceed 150 words.*

8. Give an account of the analysis of terms of 'good' and 'right'.
9. Discuss the relevance of the Ethical Naturalism of J. S. Mill.

**Turn over**

10. Examine the notion of 'Naturalistic fallacy'.
11. Bring out the distinction between Normative ethics and Meta-ethics.
12. 'Universality is the hall mark of value judgments'. Analyze this view of R. M. Hare.
13. Examine the three features of moral discourse explained by C. L. Stevenson.
14. Distinguish between moral discourse and moral philosophy.

(4 × 3 = 12 weightage)

### Part C (Essays)

*Answer any two questions.*

*Each question carries 5 weightage.*

*Answer should not exceed 600 words.*

15. Give a critical account on Universal prescriptivism of R.M. Hare.
16. Evaluate G. E. Moore's criticism against Ethical naturalism of J.S. Mill.
17. Explain the distinction between First and Second order of moral discourse.
18. Analyze Logical Positivist views regarding ethical statements.

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PHL 4C 13—PHILOSOPHY OF GENDER

(2019 Admissions)

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**Part A (Short Answers)**

*Answer any **four** questions.  
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Answer should not exceed 50 words.*

1. 'Right of Man'.
2. Judith Butler.
3. 'Male gaze'.
4. Patriarchy.
5. Eco-feminism.
6. Women Suffrage movement.
7. Post-feminism.

(4 × 2 = 8 weightage)

**Part B (Short Essays)**

*Answer any **four** questions.  
Each question carries 3 weightage.  
Answer should not exceed 150 words.*

8. Write a note on Feminist epistemology.
9. Examine the crux of First wave feminism.

Turn over

10. 'We are not born but become women (and men)' . Analyze this view of Simone De Beauvoir.
11. Bring out the features of Liberal feminism.
12. Discuss the notion of Marxist feminism.
13. Analyze the features of Post-modern feminism.
14. Give an account of Post-colonial feminism.

(4 × 3 = 12 weightage)

### Part C (Essays)

*Answer any two questions.  
Each question carries 5 weightage.  
Answer should not exceed 600 words.*

15. Give a critical account on Mary Wollstonecraft's contribution to development of feminism.
16. 'Gender evolves through performing act'. Explain.
17. Write an essay on Second wave feminism.
18. Give a detailed account on Contemporary feminism.

(2 × 5 = 10 weightage)

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Philosophy

PHL 4C 12—PHILOSOPHY OF HUMANISM

(2019 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

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**Part A (Short Answers)**

*Answer any four questions.*

*Each question carries 2 weightage.*

*Answer should not exceed 50 words.*

Write short notes on :

1. Sophists.
2. Socrates.
3. Marxism.
4. Existentialism.
5. Guru Nanak.
6. Humanism.
7. E.V.Rama Swamy.

(4 × 2 = 8 weightage)

**Part B (Short Essays)**

*Answer any four question.*

*Each question carries 3 weightage.*

*Each answer should not exceed 150 words.*

8. Give an account of Religion of Humanity
9. Explain why Marxism is considered as a form of humanism.
10. What are the reasons that made Ambedkar fight against untouchability ? Explain.
11. Briefly explain Plato's concept of man.
12. Discuss the importance of the Socratic Method.
13. Analyze the humanistic elements in the philosophy of Buddhism.
14. Give an account of the Cardinal Virtues of Plato.

(4 × 3 = 12 weightage)

**Part C (Essays)**

*Answer any two questions.*

*Each question carries 5 weightage.*

*Each answer should not exceed 600 words.*

15. Critically analyze the Radical Humanism of M.N. Roy.
16. Explain the humanistic elements in the social philosophy of Sree Narayana Guru.
17. Highlight the trends of humanism in the heterodox systems of India.
18. 'Man is the measure of all things.' —Explain the relevance of this dictum analyzing the different expressions of humanistic outlook in the Western thought.

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PHL 4C 11—PHILOSOPHY OF DECONSTRUCTION

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**Part A (Short Answers)**

*Answer any four questions.*

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*Each question carries 2 weightage.*

1. Linguistic sign.
2. Langue and parole.
3. Signifier and signified.
4. Indeterminacy of meaning.
5. Semiotics.
6. Syntagmatic and paradigmatic.
7. The arbitrary nature of the sign.

(4 × 2 = 8 weightage)

**Part B (Short Essays)**

*Answer any four questions.*

*Each answer should not exceed 150 words.*

*Each question carries 3 weightage.*

8. What is binary opposition ? Discuss.
9. Explain Bhartrhari's sphota theory.

Turn over

10. Discuss the concept of 'metaphysics of presence'.
11. Examine Derrida as a critique of phonocentricism.
12. Explain Kant's contributions towards enlightenment.
13. Bring out the implication of the term 'meta-narratives'.
14. Write a note on anthropological structuralism.

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### Part C (Essays)

*Answer any two questions.  
Each answer should not exceed 600 words.  
Each question carries 5 weightage.*

15. Write an essay on Dinnaga's apoha theory.
16. Explain deconstruction and examine the status of literary criticism.
17. Critically evaluate Saussure's concept of language as a structural system.
18. Discuss the contributions of Nietzsche towards the method of deconstruction.

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