

UG 5th Semester Examinations 2021

PHILOSOPHY (Honours)

Paper Code : DSE-1

Full Marks : 32

Time : 2 Hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

DSE-1A

Philosophy of Mind

Section-I

Answer any *one* question of the following :

16×1=16

1. What is consciousness? What are the points of issue between the first person account and the third person account of consciousness? Discuss. 4+12
2. Discuss critically interactionism as a theory about the relation between consciousness and body. 16
3. Explain the identity theory regarding the relation between mind and body. What are its difficulties? 10+6

Section-II

4. Answer any *one* question of the following :

8×1=8

- (a) Give an account of psychophysical parallelism as a theory of correlation between consciousness and body. Discuss briefly. 8
- (b) Discuss the problem of other minds. 8

Section–III

5. Answer any *four* questions of the following :

2×4=8

- (a) Define materialism as a theory of consciousness.
 - (b) What is occasionalism?
 - (c) What is the thesis of intentionality?
 - (d) Who is the historical ancestor of person theory?
 - (e) What is an owl theory of consciousness?
 - (f) What is Artificial Intelligence (AI)?
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DSE-1B

Bertrand Russell : Problems of Philosophy

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Time : 2 Hours

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Section-I

Answer any *one* question of the following :

16×1=16

1. Distinguish between 'knowledge by acquaintance' and 'knowledge by description' following Bertrand Russell. How this distinction is related to the criticism of Idealism? 6+10
2. Why does Russell say that what we directly see and feel is merely appearance? What does Russell mean by 'real'? Discuss. 8+8
3. Explain following Russell, the three conditions that the theory of Truth must fulfill. How is the coherence theory of truth understood by him? 4+12

Section-II

4. Answer any *one* question of the following :

8×1=8

- (a) How does Russell explain the possibility of the laws of thought? 8
- (b) What is the principle of Induction? 8

Section-III

5. Answer any *four* questions of the following :

2×4=8

- (a) Define sensation following Russell.
- (b) What does Russell understand by a-priori knowledge?
- (c) Define sense-data following Russell.
- (d) What is universal, according to Russell?

(e) What do you mean by introspection?

(f) What is intuitive knowledge, according to Russell?
