

UG 1st Semester Examination 2021

PHILOSOPHY (Honours)

Paper : DC-2

[History of Western Philosophy]

(CBCS)

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.

Section - I

Answer any **one** question of the following : 1×16=16

1. Explain Aristotle's doctrine of Form and Matter. Does the distinction between the Actual and Potential follow from the distinction between Form and Matter? Discuss briefly. 8+8=16
2. How does Descartes arrive at his principle of 'Cogito ergo sum'? State the importance of Descartes method of doubt in philosophy. 10+6=16
3. What does Spinoza mean by 'Substance'? How is substance related to attributes according to him? 6+10=16

Section - II

4. Answer any **one** question of the following : 1×8=8
 - (a) Explain and examine Leibniz's distinction between 'truths of reason' and 'truths of fact'. 8
 - (b) Explain the distinction between opinion and knowledge after Plato. 8

Section - III

5. Answer any **four** questions of the following : 4×2=8
 - (a) What is 'innate idea'?
 - (b) What is the relation between universal and particular according to Plato?

- (c) Why Spinoza is called a pantheist?
 - (d) What is Induction, according to Bacon?
 - (e) What does Aristotle mean by an efficient cause? Give an example.
 - (f) What is Monal according to Leibniz?
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