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**PHILOSOPHY**

(Theory Paper)

Paper Code : PHL 801C

(Western Epistemology)

Full Marks – 80

Time – Three hours

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

1. Find out the correct answer : 1×6=6

(a) Who did introduce the method of doubt ?

(i) Hume

(ii) Descarte

(iii) Spinoza

(iv) Locke

(b) What is the highest substance according to  
Spinoza ?

(i) Mind

(ii) God

(iii) Matter

(iv) Idea

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(c) Who is the exponent of transcendental idealism ?

(i) Hume

(ii) Spinoza

(iii) Hegel

(iv) Kant

(d) Gettier problem, in the field of epistemology, refers to —

(i) descriptive

(ii) narrative

(iii) personal

(iv) explanatory knowledge

(e) Who does advocate representationalism ?

(i) Locke

(ii) Spinoza

(iii) Hegel

(iv) Kant

(f) "All knowledge is synthetic a priori". — Whose view is this ?

(i) Kant

(ii) Hegel

(iii) Spinoza

(iv) Locke

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2. Give brief answer : 2×5=10

(i) What is rationalism ?

(ii) What do you mean by idealism ?

(iii) What do you understand by empiricism ?

(iv) What are innate ideas ?

(v) Define primary qualities.

3. Answer any six of the following questions : 5×6=30

(a) Discuss 'tabula-rasa' after Locke.

(b) Why is Descartes called the father of Modern Western Philosophy ?

(c) Write a note on primary and secondary qualities.

(d) 'Immanuel Kant synthesised empiricism and rationalism.' Discuss briefly.

(e) Is Hume a thorough-going empiricist ?

(f) Write a short note on Leibnitz's theory of knowledge.

(g) Why is Kant called to have brought Copernican Revolution to Western Philosophy ?

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(h) Clarify – 'Knowledge is justified true belief.'

(i) Is Berkeley a solipsist? Give reasons to support your answer.

4. Discuss (any two) : 10×2=20

(a) Discuss Hume's scepticism.

(b) Broadly explain Berkeley's subjective Idealism.

(c) Discuss Locke's theory of knowledge.

5. Elucidate (any one) : 14×1=14

(a) How are a-priori judgements possible? Elucidate after Kant.

(b) Cartesian Method of Doubt leads to later developments in Western Philosophy. Examine the statement.