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PHILOSOPHY

Full Marks : 100

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

General Instructions :

- (i) Write all the answers in the Answer Script.
- (ii) Attempt Part—A (Objective Questions) serially.
- (iii) Attempt all parts of a question together at one place.

(PART : A—OBJECTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

SECTION—I

(Marks : 30)

GROUP—A

1. Choose and write the correct answer (any *ten*) : 1×10=10

(a) ‘Induction per simple enumeration’ is also known as

- (i) perfect induction
- (ii) scientific induction
- (iii) analogy
- (iv) imperfect enumeration

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(b) Bain says that, the course of the world is

- (i) a uniformity
- (ii) uniformities
- (iii) a unity
- (iv) None of the above

(c) Mal-observation is a fallacy of

- (i) petitio principii
- (ii) wrong interpretation
- (iii) overlooking
- (iv) undistributed middle

(d) Practical imperfection is a defect of

- (i) method of agreement
- (ii) method of difference
- (iii) method of concomitant variation
- (iv) method of residues

(e) It is usual to divide inferences into

- (i) only deductive
- (ii) only inductive
- (iii) Both deductive and inductive
- (iv) None of the above

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- (f) Hypothesis cannot be proved without
- (i) analysis
 - (ii) sensation
 - (iii) verification
 - (iv) perception
- (g) False analogy is one in which the conclusion is drawn from
- (i) essential points of resemblance
 - (ii) identical points of similarity
 - (iii) superficial points of resemblance
 - (iv) points of difference
- (h) The 'experimental methods' have been called as the method of elimination by
- (i) Bain
 - (ii) Mill
 - (iii) Carveth Read
 - (iv) Whewell
- (i) 'P is equivalent to Q' is symbolized as
- (i) $P \cdot Q$
 - (ii) $P \vee Q$
 - (iii) $P \equiv Q$
 - (iv) $Q \supset P$

- (j) 'Uniformity of causation' means
- (i) the same cause has the same effect
 - (ii) the same cause has different effects
 - (iii) out of nothing, nothing comes
 - (iv) cause is equal to the effect
- (k) 'Darshana' means
- (i) love of knowledge
 - (ii) love of wisdom
 - (iii) vision of truth
 - (iv) love of argument
- (l) 'A posteriori' means
- (i) before experience
 - (ii) after experience
 - (iii) intuition
 - (iv) None of the above
- (m) 'David is not married' is a
- (i) simple statement
 - (ii) compound statement
 - (iii) Both simple and compound statements
 - (iv) None of the above

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(n) The importance of hypothesis in induction was recognized by

(i) Bacon

(ii) Whewell

(iii) Newton

(iv) Mill

GROUP—B

2. Write whether the following statements are *True* or *False*

(any ten) :

1×10=10

(a) Analogy yields certain conclusion.

(b) Induction by complete enumeration is the synonym for scientific induction.

(c) Condition means necessary factor of a cause.

(d) The statement " $P \vee \sim P$ " is a contradictory.

(e) Hypothesis is a provisional supposition.

(f) The expression 'plurality of causes' was introduced by Carveth Read.

(g) The joint Method of Agreement and Difference is a fundamental method.

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- (h) Descartes is an empiricist philosopher.
- (i) Observation is active experience, while experiment is passive experience.
- (j) Induction is based on observation of facts.
- (k) A statement form that has only false substitution instances is said to be a contradictory.
- (l) The experimental methods have been called by Mill the methods of addition.
- (m) The observation literally means 'keeping something before the mind'.
- (n) All the nine schools of Indian philosophy recognise the authority of the Vedas.

GROUP—C

3. Fill in the blanks (any *ten*) : 1×10=10
- (a) Deductive argument may be formally true but _____ false.
 - (b) According to Hume, causation is nothing more than invariably _____.
 - (c) Cause and effect are _____ terms.
 - (d) The hypothesis when verified becomes a _____.

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- (e) The secondary laws are either empirical or ____.
- (f) The Method of Residues contains an element of ____.
- (g) According to rationalism, ____ is the source of true knowledge.
- (h) Induction is an ascending process, and deduction is a ____ process.
- (i) The Law of Uniformity of Nature is a ____ or formal ground of induction.
- (j) The Method of Agreement is a method of ____ rather than a method of proof.
- (k) The orthodox school believes in the ____ of the Vedas.
- (l) The ground of inference in analogy is ____.
- (m) According to Bacon, in experiment, we ____ Nature.
- (n) Empiricism is a reaction against ____.

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SECTION—II

(Marks : 20)

4. Answer the following questions in 2 or 3 sentences each
(any ten) : 2×10=20

- (a) What is meant by colligation of facts?
- (b) Define experiment.
- (c) Why are inductions improperly so-called also called 'processes simulating induction'?
- (d) What is experimental method?
- (e) Distinguish between agent and patient.
- (f) What are axioms?
- (g) Define Method of Residues.
- (h) What is an innate idea?
- (i) What is legitimate hypothesis?
- (j) State one advantage of observation over experiment.

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- (k) What is vera causa?
- (l) What is implication?
- (m) Distinguish between verbal proposition and real proposition.
- (n) What is generalization?

(PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

Answer Question No. **5** and *any three* from the rest

5. (a) Symbolize any *four* of the following : $2\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 10$

- (i) Either taxes are increased or if expenditure rises, then the debt ceiling is raised.
- (ii) The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war was in his heart.
- (iii) Iran or Libya raises the price of oil but they do not both do so.
- (iv) Unless Chile calls for a meeting of all the Latin American States, Brazil will protest to the UN.
- (v) It is not the case that there is *P* and there is no *Q*.
- (vi) If Amherst does not win its first game, then both John and David do not win their first game.

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(b) Use truth table to determine the validity or invalidity of any two of the following argument forms : $5 \times 2 = 10$

$$(i) \quad p \supset q \\ \therefore \sim q \supset \sim p$$

$$(ii) \quad (p \supset q) \cdot (p \supset r) \\ p \\ \therefore q \vee r$$

$$(iii) \quad p \supset q \\ \sim (p \cdot q) \\ \therefore p \vee q$$

$$(iv) \quad p \vee q \\ \sim p \\ \therefore \sim q$$

6. Define analogy. How does it differ from scientific induction?

$3+7=10$

7. What is induction? Is perfect induction an induction at all?

$2+8=10$

8. Explain and examine the law of the uniformity of nature.

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9. Explain the Method of Difference with examples.

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10. Why is Indian philosophy called Darshana? What are the distinctive features of Indian philosophy? 2+8=10
11. Explain empiricism as a theory of knowledge. 10
12. Write short notes on any *two* of the following : 5×2=10
- (a) Cause and condition
 - (b) Non-observation
 - (c) Unscientific induction
 - (d) Forms of hypothesis
