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PHILOSOPHY

Full marks: 80

Time: 3 hours

General instructions:

- i) *Approximately 15 minutes is allotted to read the question paper and revise the answers.*
- ii) *The question paper consists of 28 questions.*
- iii) *Marks are indicated against each question.*
Answer to questions carrying 2 marks should not exceed 50 words.
Answer to questions carrying 4 marks should not exceed 100 words.
Answer to questions carrying 6 marks should not exceed 200 words.
Answer to questions carrying 8 marks should not exceed 300 words.

N.B: *Check that all pages are complete as indicated on the top left side.*

Choose the correct answer from the given option in Questions 1-10.

1. The doctrine which holds that knowledge about reality can be obtained by reason alone is 1
(a) Realism (b) Idealism
(c) Rationalism (d) Empiricism
2. Subjective idealism was propounded by 1
(a) George Berkeley (b) John Locke
(c) Rene Descartes (d) Spinoza
3. Cessation of suffering is found in 1
(a) The first noble truth (b) The second noble truth
(c) The third noble truth (d) The fourth noble truth
4. The traditional founder of the Yoga system is 1
(a) Baba Ramdev (b) Guru Shankaracharya
(c) Patanjali (d) Ramanuja
5. The invariable association of the middle term and the major term is called 1
(a) Vyapti (b) Prama
(c) Aparna (d) Sabda
6. In which language was Quran written? 1
(a) Arabic (b) Sanskrit
(c) Greek (d) Urdu
7. Assertion: Experience is the source of all knowledge. 1
Reason:
(a) Mind is a clean state at birth

- (b) All knowledge is a priori
 - (c) Analytical propositions are empty of contents
 - (d) The ideas are clear and distinct in our mind
8. Assertion: The final liberation from suffering is Nirvana. 1
Reason:
- (a) It is the freedom from evil spirit
 - (b) It is the freedom from everything that binds us
 - (c) It is the freedom from impulses
 - (d) It is the freedom from sense-object contact
9. Assertion: Substance according to Vaisesika is not an idea. 1
Reason:
- (a) It is real and objective
 - (b) It is not real
 - (c) it is objective
 - (d) It is dependent on knowledge by which it is known
10. Assertion: Anselm defines God as 'a being than which nothing greater could be conceived' 1
Reason:
- (a) God is the first cause of existence
 - (b) God is an intelligent designer
 - (c) God is contingency
 - (d) We can work out that God exist just by thinking about it
- 11 Define philosophy. 2
- 12 Distinguish between simple and complex ideas. 2
- 13 What is a-posteriori knowledge according to Kant? 2
14. Name any two critiques of Kant. 2
15. What is Meta ethics? 2
16. Name the orthodox schools of Indian philosophy. 2
17. What is Anekantavada? 2
18. Define the concept of maya. 2
19. Bring out the relation between science and philosophy. 4
20. Give the literal meaning of the word Nirvana. Name the Tripitakas of Buddha's teachings. 1+3=4

21. Write the seven kinds of conditional judgement of the Jainas. **4**
22. ‘The evolution of the world has its starting point in the contact between Purusa and Prakirti’
- a) How evolution takes place? **(2)**
 - b) What is Guna? **(1)**
 - c) What is the first product of evolution? **(1)**
23. What are primary qualities? Give two examples each of primary and secondary qualities. **2+2=4**
24. a) Case Study: A man was found death in your locality. The police found out that the man allegedly committed suicide. A suicide note has been recovered. According to police, the deceased committed suicide as he was suffering from terminal illness and does not want to be a burden for his near and dear ones.
- i) What is suicide? Is suicide morally permissible? If so, in what circumstances? **2+2=4**
 - ii) Given the above circumstances, do you think the deceased took the right step in ending his life? If yes/no, give reason. **2**
- Or**
- b) Distinguish between human cloning and therapeutic cloning. **(3+3=6)**
25. a) Explain any six common features of Indian philosophy. **6**
- Or**
- b) Explain the main teachings of Bhagavad Gita.
26. a) Name the kinds of valid knowledge recognized by Nyaya. Explain any two. **2+4=6**
- Or**
- b) What is Sabda? Explain the different kinds of Sabda.
27. a) What is the nature of social philosophy? How is social philosophy related to sociology? **2+6=8**
- Or**
- b) Define justice. Explain David Miller’s concept of social justice.
28. a) i. What are the attributes of God? **(2)**
ii. What are the five pillars of Islam? **(2)**
iii. Explain the idea of Trinity in Christianity. **(4)**
- Or**
- b) Who put forward the teleological argument for the existence of God? Explain the teleological argument for the existence of God. **1+7=8**
