

# 4/PHI-251 Syllabus-2023

2025

( May-June )

**FYUP : 4th Semester Examination**

**PHILOSOPHY**

**( History of Modern Western Philosophy )**

( PHI-251 )

*Marks : 75*

*Time : 3 hours*

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

**Answer any five questions**

1. What do you understand by the term 'method'? Elucidate Descartes' 'methodic doubt' as a means of attaining clear and distinct knowledge. 3+12=15
2. What is Locke's definition of 'ideas' and 'qualities'? How does Locke distinguish between primary qualities and secondary qualities of substance? How far is this distinction justified? 4+8+3=15

3. What is the meaning of 'esse est percipi' according to Berkeley? How does Berkeley establish 'esse est percipi'? Discuss. 3+12=15
4. What is Leibniz's definition of 'monad'? Explain in brief Leibniz's doctrine of 'monads'. 5+10=15
5. Explain Hume's distinction between 'impressions' and 'ideas'. Discuss the importance of this distinction in Hume's philosophy. 5+10=15
6. What is 'cause' according to Hume? Is there any element of necessity in causal relation according to Hume? Discuss. 5+10=15
7. Distinguish between synthetic and analytic judgements. Discuss according to Kant how synthetic a priori judgements are possible. 5+10=15
8. Discuss briefly how Kant distinguishes between Phenomena and Noumena. 15
9. Discuss briefly on Spinoza's concept of substance, attributes and modes. 15

10. Write short notes on any *two* of the following : 7½×2=15

- (a) Hegel's Dialectical Method
- (b) Cogito Ergo Sum
- (c) Locke's simple and complex ideas
- (d) Kant's categories of understanding

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