

**PHILOSOPHY, PAPER-I**



**FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
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**PART – I (MCQ)**  
**(COMPULSORY)**

**Q.1. Select the best option/answer and fill in the appropriate box on the Answer Sheet.**

**(a) Which of the following are propositions? Choose True or False. (5)**

- (i) Write a letter:  
(a) True (b) False
- (ii) All roses are fragrant:  
(a) True (b) False
- (iii) Some politicians are competent:  
(a) True (b) False
- (iv) Such a lovely morning:  
(a) True (b) False
- (v) Either A is B or C  
(a) True (b) False
- (b) Choose the best option:**
- (vi) Corresponding to every inference is:  
(a) A proposition (b) A premises (c) An argument (d) None of these
- (vii) An argument can be:  
(a) True (b) False (c) Valid (d) None of these
- (viii) Logic is a:  
(a) Social science (b) Normative science (c) Exact science (d) None of these
- (ix) A and E proposition are:  
(a) Contradictory (b) Contrary (c) Sub-contrary (d) None of these
- (x) A categorical syllogism containing two negative premises is:  
(a) Valid (b) Invalid (c) Sound (d) None of these
- (xi) The symbolic form of the statement, 'it is not the case that if Argentina mobilizes then both Brazil will protest to the UN and Chile will call for a meeting of all the Latin American states.'  
(a)  $\sim A \supset (B \cdot C)$  (b)  $\sim [A \supset (B \cdot C)]$  (c)  $\sim A \supset \sim (B \cdot C)$  (d) None of these
- (xii) Ambiguous statements are:  
(a) having more than one meaning (b) having no meaning  
(c) having wrong meaning (d) None of these
- (xiii) Identify fallacy committed in, 'Honda is the best car', actress Reema.  
(a) Argument from ignorance (b) Appeal to inappropriate authority  
(c) Appeal to emotion (d) None of these

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- (xiv) Mr. X is the best politician of this country because his father was a very good politician. Commits fallacy of:  
 (a) Circumstantial (b) Abusive (c) Complex question (d) None of these
- (xv) All lawyers are liars, hence, some liars are lawyers:  
 (a) True (b) Valid (c) False (d) None of these
- (xvi) Sub-contrary propositions can be true together but can not be false together:  
 (a) True (b) Valid (c) False (d) None of these
- (xvii) Conclusion of an inductive argument is....  
 (a) True (b) Necessary (c) Probable (d) None of these
- (xviii) "A proposition is true on the basis that it has not been proved false, or it is false because it has not been proved true" commits fallacy of:  
 (a) Circumstantial (b) Inappropriate authority (c) Ignorance (d) None of these
- (xix) In a Universal Affirmative categorical proposition (A), both subject and predicate terms are distributed.  
 (a) True (b) False (c) None of these
- (xx) Choose the name of the given argument  
 $p > q$   
 $p$   
 $\therefore q$   
 (a) Modus Ponens (b) Modus Tollens (c) Hypothetical syllogism (d) None of these

**PART – II**

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- Q.2.** State and critically evaluate Aristotelian Traditional Square of Opposition.. (20)
- Q.3.** Discuss the role of definition in reducing ambiguity and vagueness in language. (20)
- Q.4.** Define emotive terms and discuss their role in fallacious reasoning. (20)
- Q.5.** Define and distinguish: (20)  
 (i) sentence and proposition,  
 (ii) deductive and inductive arguments, also cite examples.
- Q.6.** Define conjunctive, disjunctive and hypothetical statements, state their symbols, also determine their truth values, citing examples. (20)
- Q.7.** Construct formal proof of validity for the given arguments: (20)  
 (i)  $A > B$   
 $A \cdot B \supset C / \therefore A \supset C$   
 (ii)  $Q \supset (R \vee S)$   
 $(T \cdot U) \supset R$   
 $(R \vee S) > (T \cdot U) / \therefore Q > R$
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- Q.8.** State and explain hypothesis and criteria to evaluate hypothesis. (20)

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- (i) Idols of the cave refer to:  
(a) Verbal confusions (b) Philosophical systems of the past  
(c) Individual prejudices (d) None of these
- (ii) 'Causality is subjective and a habit of our mind', is the philosophy expounded by:  
(a) Descartes (b) Hobbes (c) Hume (d) None of these
- (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ rejects the theory of innate ideas and says that the human mind is like a *tabula rasa* at birth:  
(a) Hobbes (b) Locke (c) Descartes
- (iv) Unity and justice are the basic principles of the beliefs of the \_\_\_\_\_ and this is the reason why they call themselves "People of unity and Justice."  
(a) Orthodox (b) Mutazilites (c) Asharites
- (v) Soren Kierkegaard was \_\_\_\_\_ Existentialist philosopher from Denmark:  
(a) Atheistic (b) Religious
- (vi) \_\_\_\_\_, a German Philosopher, was deeply concerned with the problem of nihilism in the European society.  
(a) Martin Heidegger (b) J.P. Sartre (c) Friedrich Nietzsche
- (vii) According to \_\_\_\_\_ "Nietzsche's eternal recurrence is only a more rigid kind of mechanism, based not on an ascertained fact but only on a working hypothesis of science."  
(a) Bergson (b) Heidegger (c) Allama Iqbal
- (viii) \_\_\_\_\_ expounded the theory of monads in his book, "Monadology."  
(a) Berkeley (b) Spinoza (c) Leibniz
- (ix) According to \_\_\_\_\_, "To be is to be perceived."  
(a) Hobbes (b) Locke (c) Berkeley
- (x) According to Spinoza, Humans achieve freedom through:  
(a) Exercising their will (b) Clearly understanding the causal chain  
(c) Rejection of the idea of God
- (xi) The philosophy of \_\_\_\_\_ is a synthesis of empiricism and rationalism:  
(a) Hume (b) Berkeley (c) Kant (d) None of these
- (xii) 'The Real is rational, and the rational is real', is a basic tenet of the philosophy of:  
(a) Spinoza (b) Hegel (c) Berkeley (d) None of these

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- (xiii) \_\_\_\_\_ is known as the founder of pragmatism.  
(a) William James (b) Henri Bergson (c) Martin Heidegger (d) None of these
- (xiv) The ethical theory propounded by \_\_\_\_\_ is known as Prescriptivism.  
(a) Moore (b) Hare (c) Stevenson (d) None of these
- (xv) Logical atoms in philosophy of Wittgenstein are \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) Real (b) Abstract (c) Concrete (d) None of these
- (xvi) The principle of movement in Islam according to Iqbal is *Ijtehad*.  
(a) True (b) False
- (xvii) In stages of life, the aesthetic stage is the highest, according to Kierkegaard.  
(a) True (b) False
- (xviii) Spinoza's ethical theory is based upon altruism.  
(a) True (b) False
- (xix) Kant affirmed traditional theological proofs for the existence of God.  
(a) True (b) False
- (xx) To define good in terms of a natural object is not a naturalistic fallacy.  
(a) True (b) False

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- Q.2.** Define and distinguish subjective and objective idealism, with special reference to Berkeley and Hegel. (20)
- Q.3.** Discuss Pragmatic theory of truth, pragmatism is philosophy of capitalism, comment. (20)
- Q.4.** Critically evaluate A.J. Ayer's 'Principle of Verifiability' and its impact on ethics. (20)
- Q.5.** Discuss in detail the sources and component parts of Marxism. (20)
- Q.6.** State and explain Ibn-i-Khaldun's concept of 'asabia', keeping in view the contemporary debate on the clash of civilizations. (20)
- Q.7.** Critically discuss religious fundamentalism, revivalism and reformism. (20)
- Q.8.** Sayyid Ahmad Khan and Iqbal were against fatalism and tried to promote this worldly attitude amongst Muslims, comment. (20)

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