

**THIRD SEMESTER P.G. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2020**

(CCSS)

M.A. Philosophy

PHI 3E 09—ISSUES IN BUDDHIST PHILOSOPHY

(2019 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

*Answer any eight questions from the following.**Each question carries 10 marks.**Answers not to exceed 500 words.*

1. Analyse the importance of Inference as a valid source of knowledge in the epistemological views of Dharmakirti.
2. Examine the concept of Triratnas of Buddhism and bring out its significance.
3. Examine the philosophical implications of Mahayana Buddhist concept of Bodhisattva.
4. *A number of scholars have found Nāgārjuna's Śūnyatā as Absolute Being while others have equated it with Absolute nothingness. Discuss.*
5. Examine the major features of the tenets of Mahāyāna as explained by Asanga.
6. Critically analyse Buddhist theory of language and meaning based on Dinnaga's doctrine of Apoha.
7. State and explain the relevance of Āiyasatyas or the Four Noble Truths of Buddhism.
8. *'Mahayana believes that Nirvana is not a negative cessation of misery but a positive state of bliss.'* — Analyse this statement.
9. Explain the doctrine of Kshanikavāda and critically analyse its implications.
10. Critically examine the theory of Ajativāda or the doctrine of non-origination of Gaudapada.
11. Briefly explain the ideal of Tathagatha in Buddhism. Examine the different interpretations of this ideal.
12. Examine the importance of Buddhism in the social philosophy of Ambedkar.

(8 × 10 = 80 marks)

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**PHI 3E 06—APPLIED ETHICS**

**(2019 Admissions)**

**Time : Three Hours**

**Maximum : 80 Marks**

*Answer any eight questions.  
Each question carries 10 marks.  
Answers not to exceed 500 words.*

1. Examine the major ethical issues related to Cloning.
2. Briefly explain the significance of In vitro Fertilization as assisted reproductive technology.
3. What is meant by Genetic Engineering ? Critically evaluate its ethical dimensions.
4. Give a brief account of the subject matter of Applied Ethics.
5. Define Human Rights and examine its importance in Ethics.
6. Bring out the important principles of Medical Ethics and examine its role in bringing maximum benefits to patients.
7. Write a short account on Kant's Deontology as an ethical theory.
8. Examine the importance of Bio-ethics in sustaining the sanctity of life.
9. Discuss the relevance of Biocentrism in Environmental Ethics.
10. Explain briefly the ethical implications of Consequentialism.
11. What is meant by Business Ethics ? Examine its relation to practical morality.
12. Define Ecofeminism. How does Ecofeminism help to preserve the environment ?

**(8 × 10 = 80 marks)**

## THIRD SEMESTER P.G. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2020

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M.A. Philosophy

PHI 3E 06—PHILOSOPHY AND MEDIA THEORIES

(2019 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

*Answer any **eight** questions from the following.*

*Each question carries 10 marks.*

*Answers not to exceed 500 words.*

1. Evaluate the view that mass media determine the issues that concern the public rather than the public's views.
2. Give an account of the dimensions of uses and gratification model of mass media theory.
3. Critically evaluate important moral principles and values to be discussed in Media Ethics.
4. Examine the role of technological reproduction in shaping aesthetic experience as conceived by Walter Benjamin.
5. *Habermas defined the public sphere as made up of private people gathered together as a public and articulating the needs of society with the state. Discuss.*
6. Examine Williamson's account of the interpretive act that the reader has to perform in order to make sense of the advertisement.
7. What is meant by Radical Feminism? Discuss the major tenets of it.
8. Write a brief account on *Butler's* criticism of the central assumptions of feminist theory.
9. *The Third Wave of feminism was greatly focused on reproductive rights for women. Critically analyse this view.*
10. Analyse the features of Media Imperialism and examine how it affects freedom of information.
11. *A pastiche is always an example of intertextuality, because the text cannot occur without the original that is being imitated. Discuss this view of Jameson.*
12. What is meant by Consumer culture ? How is it linked to postmodernism ?

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PHI 3E 04—SELF AND THE OTHERS

(2019 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

*Answer any eight questions from the following.**Each question carries 10 marks.**Answers not to exceed 500 words.*

1. *The philosophy of self is the study of the many conditions of identity that make one subject of experience distinct from other experience. Discuss.*
2. *Explain the implications of the Bundle theory of self by Hume.*
3. *Bring out the features of self-identity and self-consciousness in the philosophy of Descartes.*
4. *Examine Alexander Kojève's reading of the master-slave dialectic of Hegel.*
5. *What does Sartre mean by the other ? Discuss its implications.*
6. *Discuss the dynamics of Heidegger's account of Being.*
7. *Give a brief account of Psychoanalytic theory of self.*
8. *Critically examine Mirror stage of Lacan to evaluate the dimensions of human identity.*
9. *The abject for Kristeva is closely tied to both to religion and to art, which she sees as two ways of purifying the abject. Explain.*
10. *In 'Ethics as first philosophy', Emanuel Levinas establishes an entirely new framework, going beyond Heidegger's notion of Being and borrowing from Sartre's' conception of Others. Discuss.*
11. *According to Zizek the epistemological gap between the In-itself and For-itself is immanent to reality itself. Explain.*
12. *How does Deleuze develop a critique of Freud and Psychoanalysis ?*

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M.A. Philosophy

PHI 3C 09—PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE

(2019 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

*Answer any eight questions from the following.**Each question carries 10 marks.**Answers not to exceed 500 words each.*

1. Analyze the nature and scope of philosophy of science as a metascientific discipline.
2. Bring out the differences between science, nonscience and pseudoscience. Add a note on demarcation problem.
3. "Logical empiricists were especially concerned to find standards for distinguishing scientific theories from metaphysical theories of the sort philosophers and theologians often discuss. The central component in the logical empiricist solution to this problem was verificationism." Analyze this statement and answer the following :
  - a) Who were the prominent proponents of Logical empiricism ?
  - b) Bring out the concept of 'verificationism'.
  - c) What was the impact of the verifiability theory of meaning on metaphysics ?
4. Write notes on any two of the following :
  - a) Epistemological anarchism.
  - b) Falsifiability.
  - c) Sokal's hoax.
5. Bring out the implications of Social Constructivism with reference to the view - People create meaning through their interactions with each other and the objects in the environment.
6. Explain how Merton's sociological theory is based on "logically interconnected sets of propositions from which empirical uniformities can be derived".
7. Elucidate the common basis for conversation and the profound differences between feminism and constructivism.
8. Describe the components of the deductive-nomological model.
9. Explicate the concept of the theory-ladenness of observation, and cite any two proponents of this view.
10. Bring out the basic tenets of Constructive Empiricism as articulated by Bas van Fraassen.
11. Elucidate Popper's conception of falsifiability as the rigorous test of a scientific theory.
12. Explicate Kuhn's view that the development of science takes place through alternating phases which do not follow a cumulative or regularly evolutionary course.

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PHI 3C 08—PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE

(2019 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

*Answer any **eight** questions from the following.**Each question carries 10 marks.**Answers not to exceed 500 words.*

1. Discuss the significance of Philosophy of Language.
2. What is meant by Linguistic Turn in Philosophy ?
3. *In the philosophy of language, the distinction between sense and reference was an innovation of Frege. Explain.*
4. Examine why logical atomism was once considered as a leading movement of early twentieth-century analytic philosophy.
5. *A definite description is a word, name, or phrase that denotes a particular, individual object. Analyse this view of Russell.*
6. Examine the salient features of *Tractatus Logico Philosophicus*.
7. Evaluate the contribution of *Vienna Circle* in promoting the Logical Positivist movement.
8. Give a brief account of Quine's attack on two central aspects of the logical positivists' philosophy.
9. Critically examine Wittgenstein's concept of Language Games.
10. What is meant by Speech Act Theory ? Discuss its significance in Philosophy of Language.
11. *A philosophical account of thought can be attained through a philosophical account of language. Examine this view of Dummet.*
12. Write a short account on Davidson's theory of meaning.

(8 × 10 = 80 marks)

**THIRD SEMESTER M.A./M.Sc./M.Com. DEGREE (REGULAR)  
EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2020**

(CBCSS)

Philosophy

PHL 3E 04—PHILOSOPHY OF WITTEGENSTEIN

(2019 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

**General Instructions**

1. *In cases where choices are provided, students can attend all questions in each Section / Part.*
2. *The minimum number of questions to be attended from the Section / Part shall remain same.*
3. *There will be an overall ceiling for each Section / Part that is equivalent to maximum weightage of the Section / Part.*

**Part A**

*Write short notes on any four of the following.*

*Each answer carries 2 weightage.*

*Answers should not exceed 50 words.*

1. Dialectics.
2. Positivism.
3. Atomic facts.
4. Logical Empiricism.
5. Blue Books.
6. Family Resemblances.
7. Meta Narratives.

(4 × 2 = 8 weightage)

**Part B**

*Write short essays on any four of the following.*

*Each answer carries 3 weightage.*

*Answers should not exceed 150 words.*

8. Explain Post- Hegelian development of philosophy.
9. Examine the basic features of Analytic Philosophy.
10. A logical picture of facts is a thought. Analyse this proposition of Wittgenstein.

**Turn over**

11. Explain Wittgenstein's approach to the Nature of Philosophy.
12. Analyse the view that language is an activity.
13. Examine the Private language argument of Later Wittgenstein.
14. Evaluate Wittgenstein's influence on Postmodernism.

(4 × 3 = 12 weightage)

### Part C

*Write short essays on any two of the following.*

*Each answer carries 5 weightage.*

*Answers should not exceed 600 words.*

15. *The history of analytic philosophy is usually thought to begin with the rejection of British idealism, a neo-Hegelian movement. Analyse this view.*
16. Evaluate Wittgenstein's notion that all philosophy is a critique of language.
17. Explain Wittgenstein's account of picture theory of language.
18. Describe the features of the writing style of Wittgenstein.

(2 × 5 = 10 weightage)



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NOVEMBER 2020**

(CBCSS)

Philosophy

PHL 3E 01—PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE

(2019 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

**General Instructions**

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**Part A***Write short notes on any **four** of the following.**Each answer carries 2 weightage.**Answers should not exceed 50 words.*

1. Scientific Realism.
2. Hypothesis.
3. Falsification.
4. Formal Cause.
5. Galileo's concept of Inertia.
6. Novum Organum.
7. Mill's canon of method of agreement.

(4 × 2 = 8 weightage)

**Part B***Write short essays on any **four** of the following.**Each answer carries 3 weightage.**Answers should not exceed 150 words.*

8. Explain Galileo's critique of Aristotle's Philosophy of Science.
9. Examine the main tenets of Philosophy of Science.

**Turn over**

10. *Newton opposed the Cartesian method by affirming Aristotle's theory of scientific procedure. Explain*
11. *A scientific theory is an explanation of an aspect of the natural world that can be repeatedly tested and verified in accordance with the scientific method. Evaluate the view.*
12. *'Examine Descartes' view of Philosophy of science of Aristotle.*
13. *What is meant by Hypothetico- deductive reasoning ?*
14. *According to Aristotle, a science is possible if and only if there are knowable objects. Explain.*

(4 × 3 = 12 weightage)

### Part C

*Write short essays on any two of the following.  
Each answer carries 5 weightage.  
Answers should not exceed 600 words.*

15. *Examine features of Newton's Axiomatic method.*
16. *Discuss Popper's demarcation between scientific and unscientific theories.*
17. *Critically examine Kuhn's view of Scientific Progress.*
18. *Why did Feyerabend say that science is an anarchic enterprise ?*

(2 × 5 = 10 weightage)

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Philosophy

PHL 3C 10—PHILOSOPHY OF MIND

(2019 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

**General Instructions**

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**Part A (Short Answers)**

*Answer any four questions.*

*Each question carries 2 weightage.*

*Each answer should not exceed 50 words.*

1. Conceivability argument.
2. Propositional attitudes.
3. Eliminative materialism.
4. Turing test.
5. Human rationality.
6. Methodological behaviourism.
7. Connectionism.

(4 × 2 = 8 weightage)

**Part B (Short Essays)**

*Answer any four questions.*

*Each question carries 3 weightage.*

*Each answer should not exceed 150 words.*

8. Explain the problem of interaction between mind and body.
9. Is mind a matter of behavioral outputs ? Discuss.

**Turn over**

10. Define *Qualia*. Explain its essential features.
11. Can machine think ? Explain.
12. Distinguish between type and token identity theory.
13. Describe the significance of 'Chinese room argument'.
14. Why is consciousness a potential challenge to physicalism ? Discuss.

(4 × 3 = 12 weightage)

### Part C (Essays)

*Answer any two questions.*

*Each question carries 5 weightage.*

*Each answer should not exceed 600 words.*

15. Critically evaluate the functionalistic approaches to mind.
16. What is artificial intelligence ? Distinguish between weak and strong artificial intelligence.
17. Evaluate the acceptability of mind-body dualism. Examine the arguments for and against dualism.
18. What is non-reductionism in philosophy of mind ? Explain major arguments for non-reductionism.

(2 × 5 = 10 weightage)

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Philosophy

PHL 3C 09—THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC PHILOSOPHY OF MAHATMA GANDHI

(2019 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

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**Part A (Short Answers)**

*Answer any four questions.*

*Each question carries 2 weightage.*

*Answer should not exceed 50 words.*

Write short notes of the following :

1. Village and cottage industries.
2. Gram swaraj.
3. Influence of Ramayana on Gandhi.
4. Hind swaraj.
5. Ramarajya.
6. Fasting as a form of Satyagraha.
7. Nai-Talim.

(4 × 2 = 8 weightage)

**Part B (Short Essays)**

*Answer any four questions.*

*Each answer should not exceed 150 words.*

*Each question carries 3 weightage.*

8. Why did Gandhi insist on the purity of both end and means ? Explain.
9. How important was the Bhagavad Gita to Gandhi as a source of spiritual strength ?

**Turn over**

10. Analyze the importance of Swadeshi in Gandhian thought.
11. Discuss the significance of Trusteeship.
12. Examine the implication of the formulation, 'Truth is God.'
13. Briefly explain the central teachings of 'Unto This Last.'
14. Give an account of 'elimination of untouchability' as a Gandhian norm.

(4 × 3 = 12 weightage)

### **Part C (Essays)**

*Answer any two questions.*

*Each question should not exceed 600 words.*

*Each question carries 5 weightage.*

15. Explain the influence of the great Western thinkers in the life and thought of Gandhi.
16. 'Sarvodaya is the apex of Gandhian Socialism.' Elucidate this statement highlighting the features of Sarvodaya.
17. Critically analyze the Gandhian concept of Basic Education.
18. Discuss the relevance, efficacy and feasibility of Gandhian Satyagraha in the present century.

(2 × 5 = 10 weightage)

**THIRD SEMESTER M.A./M.Sc./M.Com. DEGREE (SUPPLEMENTARY)  
EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2020**

(CUCSS)

Philosophy

PYIIIIE12—PHILOSOPHY OF WITTGENSTEIN

(2010 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 36 Weightage

**Part A**

*Write short notes on all questions.  
Each answer should not exceed 50 words.  
Each answer carries 1 weightage.*

1. Picture theory.
2. Logical Empiricism.
3. Theory of Descriptions.
4. Verification principle.
5. Synthetic Propositions.
6. Use theory of meaning.
7. Family resemblance.
8. Logical form.
9. Blue Book.
10. Forms of life.
11. Linguistic analysis.
12. Deep structures.
13. Private language.
14. Ideal language.

(14 × 1 = 14 weightage)

**Turn over**

**Part B**

*Answer any seven questions.*

*Each answer should not exceed 100 words.*

*Each answer carries 2 weightage.*

15. The linguistic turn was a major development in Western philosophy during the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Explain.
16. Discuss the major tenets of Logical positivism.
17. The basic goal of analytic philosophy has been conceptual clarity. Discuss.
18. Examine Frege's notion of Sense and Reference.
19. According to Wittgenstein the form of a proposition resembled the form of some fact of the world. Explain.
20. Examine Quine's attack of analytic-synthetic distinction.
21. Write a short account on correspondence theory of truth.
22. Discuss Moore's refutation of idealism.
23. Examine the features of ordinary language philosophy.
24. Give a brief account of Wittgenstein and Postmodernism.

(7 × 2 = 14 weightage)

**Part C**

*Answer any two questions.*

*Each answer should not exceed 450 words.*

*Each answer carries 4 weightage.*

25. Give a brief account of criticism of Quine on the philosophy of Logical Positivism.
26. Examine Russell's contributions to the development of Analytic philosophy.
27. Critically evaluate the concept of Ideal language in Tractatus.
28. Describe Wittgenstein's account of the nature of Philosophy.

(2 × 4 = 8 weightage)



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EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2020**

**(CUCSS)**

**Philosophy**

**PY IIIC 11—PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE**

**(2010 Admissions)**

**Time : Three Hours**

**Maximum : 36 Weightage**

**Part A (Short Answer)**

*Answer all questions.*

*Each question carries a weightage of 1.*

*Each answer should not exceed 50 words.*

**Write short notes on the following :**

1. Science and non-science.
2. The role of observation in scientific method.
3. Galileo's approach to scientific method.
4. Cartesian method.
5. The Law of Action-Reaction.
6. Idols of the Tribe.
7. Herschel's view of the first step in scientific procedure.
8. Whewell's idea of the 'binding together of facts'.
9. Campbell's definition of 'hypothesis'.
10. Inductivism.
11. The principle of universal causation.
12. Normal science.
13. Feyerabend's opinion about the use of philosophy of science for a practising scientist.
14. Verisimilitude.

**(14 × 1 = 14 weightage)**

**Turn over**

**Part B (Short Essays)**

*Write short notes on any seven of the following.*

*Each question carries a weightage of 2.*

*Each answer should not exceed 150 words.*

15. Explain the central concerns of the philosophy of science.
16. Describe the empirical basis of scientific method with reference to the statement - "Observation involves both perception as well as cognition."
17. What, according to Aristotle, is the difference between the subject-matter of empirical science and that of pure mathematics ?
18. Why did Francis Bacon consider Aristotle's philosophy as an Idol of the Theatre ?
19. How does the monadology of Leibniz substantiate his view of the interdependence of physics and metaphysics ?
20. Which are the three stages in Newton's axiomatic method ?
21. Describe Duhem's view of the representative function of scientific theories.
22. Bring out Herschel's view of the 'crucial experiment'.
23. Explain the statement - Science enters a revolutionary stage with the emergence of a viable competing paradigm.
24. Elucidate Paul Feyerabend's Incommensurability Thesis.

(7 × 2 = 14 weightage)

**Part C (Essays)**

*Answer any two questions.*

*Each question carries a weightage of 4.*

*Each answer should not exceed 350 words.*

25. Bring out the significance of induction and deduction in scientific method and present the characteristics of hypothetico-deductive method.
26. Bring out the points of agreement and disagreement between Aristotle and Galileo with a note on the latter's critique of false Aristotelianism.
27. Explain how Newton had refitted Descartes' idea that basic physical laws can be derived from metaphysical principles.
28. "One can sum up all this by saying that the criterion of the scientific status of a theory is its falsifiability, or refutability, or testability." Explain.

(2 × 4 = 8 weightage)