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First Semester B.A. Degree (C.B.C.S.S. – O.B.E.-Supplementary)

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(2019 to 2023 Admissions)

CORE COURSE IN PHILOSOPHY

1B01PHI : Introduction to Philosophy

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 40

**PART – A
(Short Answer)**

Answer **all** questions. **Each** question carries **1** mark.

1. Define philosophy.
2. What is ontology ?
3. Name the three branches of ethics.
4. Define logic.
5. Define a nastika darsana.
6. Name any two rationalist thinkers of modern western philosophy. **(6×1=6)**

**PART – B
(Short Essay)**

Answer **any six** questions. **Each** answer carries **2** marks.

7. Distinguish between rationalism and empiricism.
8. Write a note on substance dualism.
9. Define an aesthetic experience.
10. Distinguish between materialistic monism and idealistic monism.

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11. Explain realism.
12. Give the definition and scope of aesthetics.
13. Write a note on epistemology.
14. Distinguish between oriental philosophy and occidental philosophy. (6×2=12)

PART – C
(Essay)

Answer **any four** questions. **Each** answer carries **3** marks.

15. Give any three classical definitions of philosophy.
16. Examine the classification of Indian philosophy into orthodox and heterodox systems.
17. Explain the approaches to the nature of reality in monism, dualism and pluralism.
18. Distinguish between deductive and inductive logic.
19. Explain metaphysics and write a note on its two branches.
20. Evaluate perception, inference and testimony as sources of knowledge. (4×3=12)

PART – D
(Long Essay)

Answer **any two** questions. **Each** answer carries **5** marks.

21. Critically analyze the scope and relevance of philosophy in the contemporary world.
 22. Examine the historical evolution of western philosophy through the ancient, medieval and modern periods.
 23. Analyze the epistemologies of rationalism, empiricism and skepticism.
 24. Shed light on the concepts of good, right, duty and virtue. (2×5=10)
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