



UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL

B.A. Honours Part-III Examination, 2020

PHILOSOPHY

PAPER-VI

ANALYTIC PHILOSOPHY

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 50

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

*The word limit mentioned below against each question to be strictly followed by the students:
2 marks-30 words / 4 marks-60 words / 6 marks-150 words / 10 marks-300 words /
12 marks-325 words / 16 marks-425 words / 20 marks-475 words.*

SECTION-I

Answer any one question of the following

20×1 = 20

1. What is word? How is a word related to its meaning? Will you admit any exception to the common usage of a word? If so, why? The relation of a word to its meaning is in some way like that of a 'label to a bottle'. Do you agree? 4+6+6+4 =20
2. State and explain in brief, the different criteria for sentence meaning. Explain whether the following sentences are meaningful or not. If not, state the criterion, which have been violated — 12+(4×2)=20
 - (a) Saturday is not sleeping.
 - (b) The number 6 died yesterday.
 - (c) Dogs can fly.
 - (d) Mita stood between the posts.
3. What is an *a priori* statement? Are all *a priori* statements analytic? Explain and examine the Kantian position on the possibility of synthetic *a priori* knowledge. 4+6+10=20
4. What is subjective idealism? Is subjective idealism an outcome of representative realism? Critically explain, in this context, Berkeley's thesis '*Esse est percipi*'. 4+4+12=20
5. Define substance. Is substance the sum total of qualities or something more? Discuss critically. 4+16=20

SECTION-II

6. Answer any *two* questions of the following: 10×2=20
- (a) Write short notes on stipulative definition, reportive definition and real definition. 10
 - (b) Distinguish between knowledge by acquaintance and knowledge by description. 10
 - (c) Explain in brief the verifiability criterion of meaning. 10
 - (d) Why does the idealist reject the existence of material object? 10
 - (e) How can we have knowledge of other minds? 10
 - (f) What is ambiguity of words? 10
 - (g) Write a short note on necessary and sufficient condition. 10
 - (h) What is meant by definition by denotation? 10

SECTION-III

7. Answer any *five* of the following questions, with very brief justifications, wherever necessary: 2×5=10
- (a) What is nominalism?
 - (b) Can Locke be called a conceptualist?
 - (c) What is logical possibility?
 - (d) What is necessary condition?
 - (e) What is solipsism?
 - (f) Can a definition be true or false?
 - (g) What is sense-data?
 - (h) What is a contingent truth?
 - (i) What is ostensive definition?
 - (j) What is phenomenalism?
 - (k) What is parallelism regarding mind-body relation?
 - (l) What is naive realism?
 - (m) What is determinism?
 - (n) Is true belief knowledge?
 - (o) What kind of entity is the universal?

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