

SAMPLE QUESTION

UG 5<sup>th</sup> semester

Subject: Logic & Philosophy

Paper: core-XI

Title of the paper-

Meditation of Rene Descartes

Part- I

Q.1. Answer all of the following within one word as sentence.

(1×12 = 12)

- i) \_\_\_\_\_ is 4th step in Descartes method of Philosophy?
- ii) State the criteria of truth?
- iii) Is doubt an end in itself?
- iv) What is the ultimate end of cartesian doubt?
- v) State one characteristic of Descartes' doubt?
- vi) What is the first and fundamental certainty for Descartes?
- vii) What is the meaning of the expression 'Cogito ergo sum'?
- viii) What is meant by 'sum res cogitans'?
- ix) Is cogito an inference or intuition or both?
- x) What is the essence of mind?
- xi) Are all ideas innate according to Descartes?
- xii) Which type of ideas are indubitable for Descartes?

## Part- II

Answer any eight within 2-3 sentences each.

(2 × 8 = 16)

- Q.2. i) What is an innate idea? Give an example.  
ii) What is meant by intuition?  
iii) What kind of knowledge can be doubted?  
iv) Do we perceive the objects through our senses?  
v) State the principle of adequate quality?  
vi) Define clear and distinct idea according to Descartes?  
vii) Which judgements are false according to Descartes?  
viii) What is substance for Descartes?  
ix) Is matter an absolute substance?  
x) Is secondary quality objectively true?

Part-III

Q.3. Answers any eight questions. Answer should be within 75

(3 × 8 = 24)

To 100 words each.

- i) State the doctrine of Interactionism.
- ii) Distinguish between primary and secondary quality.
- iii) What is meant by sum res cogitans?
- iv) Distinguish between mind and body.
- v) Can we infer the existence of self from other human activities?
- vi) Why cartesian doubt is called universal doubt?
- vii) State three characteristics of 'Cogito'.
- viii) State with examples the three levels of reality.
- ix) What is the second clear and distinct idea?
- x) How Descartes avoids the charges of circularity?

#### Part-IV

Q.4. Answer any four questions within 500 words each. (7 × 4 = 28)

- i) Explain and examine the wax example to understand the nature of the self.
- ii) How innate ideas are different from other ideas in Descartes' philosophy? Discuss.
- iii) Explain how Descartes proves the existence of external world.
- iv) Is Descartes' criterion of truth contradicts his view his view of truth and error? Discuss.
- v) God is no deceiver ,therefore not responsible for errors. Discuss.
- vi) By proving the essence of material bodies Descartes proves the existence of physical world .Explain it fully.
- vii) How Descartes explains that "all material bodies are extended", is a clear & distinct idea.
- viii) Explain, how Descartes proves the existence of God.