

M.A. Examination, 2017
Semester-IV
Philosophy
Course – XXVI (Special)
(Philosophy of Mind : Unit-II)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 40

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin.

Answer *any four* questions.

1. In what sense the functionalists use the term 'function'? Explain how do the functionalists hold that mental states are functional states. 2+8
 2. Discuss Searle's Chinese Room argument and mention at least two objections against the said argument. 10
 3. Discuss, after Chalmers, the easy problems and the hard problem of consciousness. Why does he use the adjectives easy and hard before problem? 10
 4. State and examine the basic idea of "Explanatory Gap". 10
 5. Discuss in detail the Inverted Spectrum argument often advanced against functionalism. How does the functionalists face that argument? 8+2
 6. Write a brief essay on the notions of the phenomenal mind and the psychological mind as discussed by Chalmers. 10
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