

M.A. Examination, 2014

Semester – III

Philosophy

Paper : XXV (Special)

Philosophy of Mind (Unit-I)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 40

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin.

Answer *any four* questions

1. What is the basic claim of property dualism? Why do they characterize certain properties of human brain as 'nonphysical'? What is the main difference between epiphenomenalism and interactionist property dualism? 3+4+3=10
 2. Critically discuss the argument from irreducibility and the argument from religion. 6+4=10
 3. Examine any two arguments advanced by the materialists against dualism. 5+5=10
 4. Discuss the main tenet of philosophical behaviourism. State the arguments both in favour and against this form of behaviourism. 4+6=10
 5. "Mental states are brain states" – critically explain this reductive theory about mental states. 10
 6. Write short notes on *any two* of the following: 5×2=10
 - (a) Argument from introspection.
 - (b) Argument from parapsychological phenomena.
 - (c) Psychological Behaviorism.
 - (d) The Cartesian concept of substance.
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