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M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – PHILOSOPHY

2 SEMESTER – APRIL 2024

PPL2ME02 – PHILOSOPHY OF MIND

Date: 22-04-2024

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Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 09:00 AM - 12:00 NOON

SECTION A – K1 (CO1)

Answer ALL the questions

(5 x 1 = 5)

1 MCQ

- a) For Descartes, every subject of experience is.....
i) God ii) Matter iii) Substance iv) Form
- b) For Descartes the place where the soul has its principal seat" is
i) Heart ii) Brain iii) Pituitary gland iv) Pineal gland
- c) According to epiphenomenalism, mental states are.....
i) Causally efficacious iii) Irrelevant to behavior
ii) Illusory phenomena iv) Identical to brain states
- d) According to physicalism, mental states are ultimately identical to _____ states of the brain or nervous system.
i) psychological ii) cognitive iii) subjective iv) physical
- e) Phenomenal consciousness is the aspect of consciousness that involves _____ experience or "what it's like" to have a certain experience.
i) subjective ii) objective iii) logical iv) external

SECTION A – K2 (CO1)

Answer ALL the questions

(5 x 1 = 5)

2 Match the following

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| a) | Glutamate | Property of mental states being about or directed towards objects or states of affairs |
| b) | Intentionality | Mood |
| c) | Qualia | Proposes that our current understanding of mental states will be replaced by future scientific discoveries |
| d) | Serotonin | Memory |
| e) | Eliminative Materialism | Subjective qualities of conscious experience |

SECTION B – K3 (CO2)

Answer any THREE of the following in 100 words each.

(3 x 10 = 30)

- 3 What is Plato's View of the 'soul'?
- 4 How does Gilbert Ryle explain Descartes' categorical error?
- 5 Explain the problem of consciousness according to D Chalmers.
- 6 Explain the concept of 'qualia' and its significance for understanding consciousness.
- 7 Define property dualism and distinguish it from substance dualism

SECTION C – K4 (CO3)**Answer any TWO of the following in 200 words each.****(2 x 12.5 = 25)**

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| 8 | Discus in detail the main parts common to all or most neurons along with their functions. |
| 9 | What are the criticisms to Descartes body and mind dualism? |
| 10 | Briefly explain the main idea behind the theory of identity theory |
| 11 | Define behaviorism and identify one criticism often leveled against this approach |

SECTION D – K5 (CO4)**Answer any ONE of the following in 500 words****(1 x 15 = 15)**

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| 12 | Evaluate John Searle's Chinese Room argument and its critique about artificial intelligence. |
| 13 | What is your philosophical opinion on the modular structure of the brain and the concept of ego? |

SECTION E – K6 (CO5)**Answer any ONE of the following in 1000 words****(1 x 20 = 20)**

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| 14 | Can artificial intelligence ever achieve true consciousness? Discuss the challenges and implications of attributing consciousness to AI systems. |
| 15 | Evaluate the materialist perspective, examining how it interprets Gage's experience in terms of brain damage and its effects on mental function. |

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