

2025

M.A. 1st Semester Examination

PHILOSOPHY

Paper : PHIE405A0/B0

(Philosophy of Mind)

Full Marks : 50

Time : Two Hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.
Candidates are required to give their answers
in their own words as far as practicable.*

Paper : PHIE405A0

Group - A

Answer any *two* questions : 10×2=20

1. How do we say that some mental states are caused by states of the world as well as some mental states are about things in the world? Explain with examples.
2. Give some arguments against epiphenomenalism.
3. Elaborate, after Crane, how the mind can represent anything.
4. State and explain with examples, after Davidson, the three principles about mental events.

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Group - B

Answer any *four* questions : 5×4=20

5. Why should we admit that our list of general features of mental states might turn out to be somewhat different from how we commonly conceive them to be?
6. State some reasons for substance dualism to maintain the idea that there are two-way causal interactions between the mind and the brain.
7. Explain, according to philosophical behaviourism, the idea that to be in pain is to be disposed to do certain things when certain things happen to us.
8. Discuss, according to verificationism, how we verify a statement about mental states.
9. What sort of things can be objects of representations according to Crane?
10. What, according to Davidson, is the problem to say that an event is physical if it is describable in a purely physical vocabulary?

Internal Assessment : 10 marks

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Paper : PHIE405B0

(Philosophical Issues in Mental Illness)

Group - A

Answer any *two* questions : $10 \times 2 = 20$

1. Present the arguments of Thomas Szasz against psychiatry.
2. Distinguish between illness, disease, and disorder.
3. Discuss the objectivist and value-based accounts of mental illness.
4. Discuss the internalism-externalism debate in psychiatry.

Group - B

Answer any *four* questions : $5 \times 4 = 20$

5. What is the neurodiversity argument regarding mental illness? Discuss briefly.
6. Briefly discuss the hybrid account of illness.
7. Elucidate the major criticisms of the view that "mental illness is a myth".
8. Write a short note on causalism and descriptivism in psychiatric diagnosis.

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9. Distinguish between essentialism and pragmatism in the classification of mental illnesses.
10. Write a short note on mental illness and legal responsibility with reference to the "insanity defence".

Internal Assessment : 10 marks
