



FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR
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UNDER THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, 2015

Roll Number

PHILOSOPHY, PAPER-I

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS PART-I(MCQS): MAXIMUM 30 MINUTES	PART-I (MCQS) PART-II	MAXIMUM MARKS = 20 MAXIMUM MARKS = 80
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PART-II

- Q. No. 2.** Generate any four standard form categorical syllogism with universal conclusion. (20)
- Q. No. 3.** What is the difference between formal and informal logic. Also explain six rules for the validity of standard form categorical syllogism. (20)
- Q. No. 4.** What is ambiguity? Explain in detail with accurate example. (20)
- Q. No. 5.** Check the validity or invalidity of the following by applying nineteen rules of replacement. (5 each) (20)
- (a) $D \supset (E \vee F)$
 $\sim D \vee \sim F / \therefore D \supset E$
- (b) $K \supset (F \vee B)$
 $G \supset K / \therefore (F \supset G) \vee (B \supset G)$
- (c) $K \supset M$
 $L \supset M / \therefore (K \vee L) \supset M$
- (d) $P \supset Q$
 $R \supset (S \supset T)$
 $\sim R \supset \sim Q$
 $S \supset (T \supset P) / \therefore P \equiv R$
- Q. No. 6.** What is the difference between scientific and unscientific explanation? (20)
- Q. No. 7.** Give a resume of Ibn-e-Tamiya Criticism of Aristotelian logic. (20)
- Q. No. 8.** Briefly explain the following fallacies of ambiguity with two examples to explain each. (5 each) (20)
- (a) Amphiboly (b) Hypostatization (c) Division (d) Composition



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- Q. No. 2.** What do you understand by Pragmatism? Bring out, in this connection, William James' Pragmatic Method. **(20)**
- Q. No. 3.** Can Plato be regarded as an idealist? Discuss in detail. **(20)**
- Q. No. 4.** What does Existentialism stand for? **(20)**
- Q. No. 5.** How do the Logical Positivists endeavour to show the impossibility of Metaphysics? **(20)**
- Q. No. 6.** Discuss in detail Iqbal's theory of the immortality of the human ego. **(20)**
- Q. No. 7.** Bring out the salient features of Ibn Sina's Metaphysics. **(20)**
- Q. No. 8.** State and critically examine Ibn Khaldun's philosophy of history. **(20)**



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- Q. No. 2.** Differentiate between Deductive and Inductive methods. **(20)**
- Q. No. 3.** What are the salient features of Kant's Transcendentalism? **(20)**
- Q. No. 4.** Critically evaluate Utilitarianism with special reference to J. S. Mill. **(20)**
- Q. No. 5.** Discuss Iqbal's concept of, 'the Principle of Movement in the Structure of Islam'. **(20)**
- Q. No. 6.** Critically evaluate Representative Realism of John Locke. **(20)**
- Q. No. 7.** Discuss Pragmatism with special reference to William James. **(20)**
- Q. No. 8.** Write short notes on any TWO of the following: **(10 each) (20)**
- (a) Shah Waliullah as a Reformer
- (b) Socratic Method
- (c) Ethical Egoism



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- Q. No. 2.** Discuss the Skepticism of Hume in-depth; how has it affected his ideas regarding *Cause and Self*? (20)
- Q. No. 3.** How did Ghazali refute the Philosophers' argument about *Eternity of the Universe*? (20)
- Q. No. 4.** Elaborate the way Iqbal has reconciled Divine Power (Omnipotence) and Knowledge with human freedom. (20)
- Q. No. 5.** What do you understand by *Dialectics*? Critically evaluate Hegel's Dialectical Method. (20)
- Q. No. 6.** Elucidate Heidegger's Theory of Being with special reference to *Dasien*. (20)
- Q. No. 7.** What is Historical Materialism? Elaborate Karl Marx's contribution in its development. (20)
- Q. No. 8.** Write comprehensive notes on any **two** of the following: (10 each) (20)
- (a) Three types of Knowledge by Spinoza.
 - (b) Kant's Categorical Imperative.
 - (c) Stare's Bad Faith.



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PART-II

- Q. No. 2.** Define Philosophy and explain its main branches. **(20)**
- Q. No. 3.** Discuss key points of Popper's Fallibilism. **(20)**
- Q. No. 4.** Work out the weaknesses and strengths of Deductive method. **(20)**
- Q. No. 5.** Discuss Berkeley's critique of Locke's representative realism. **(20)**
- Q. No. 6.** Critically evaluate Rawls' notion of Original Position. **(20)**
- Q. No. 7.** In what sense Foucault may be treated as a post-modernist thinker. **(20)**
- Q. No. 8.** Write short notes on any **TWO** of the following: **(10 each) (20)**
- (a) Al-Farabi
 - (b) Al-Ghazali
 - (c) Ibn Rushid



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PART-II

- Q. No. 2.** Discuss Berkely's view of reality in detail. **(20)**
- Q. No. 3.** What is philosophy? Discuss its relation to science. **(20)**
- Q. No. 4.** Introduce any two of the following: **(10 each) (20)**
a. Kant b. Bergson c. John Dewey
- Q. No. 5.** Discuss Popper's logical method, its merits and demerits. **(20)**
- Q. No. 6.** Define and explain any FOUR of the following: **(5 each) (20)**
a. Idealism b. Rationalism c. Realism
d. Empiricism e. Pragmatism f. Utilitarianism
- Q. No. 7.** Discuss the Idea of the Good as an Ethical theory. **(20)**
- Q. No. 8.** Write Short notes any two of the following: **(10 each) (20)**
a. Plato's political views
b. Ghazali's criticism of the Philosophers
c. Hume's skepticism



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PART-II

- Q. No. 2.** Define philosophy. What is its relationship with religion? **(20)**
- Q. No. 3.** 'Doubt' is the key point of Cartesian Method. Illuminate. **(20)**
- Q. No. 4.** Bergson rejects any kind of 'teleological' explanation of evolution. Give your own opinion. **(20)**
- Q. No. 5.** Illustrate main characteristics of subjective idealism of Berkeley. **(20)**
- Q. No. 6.** Main idea of Kant's ethics is 'duty for the sake of duty'. Is it justified? Give your own statement. **(20)**
- Q. No. 7.** Write an essay on Ibn-e-Sina's theory of knowledge. **(20)**
- Q. No. 8.** Write short notes on any **TWO** of the following: **(10 each) (20)**
- (a)** Psychological and ethical egoism
 - (b)** Transcendentalism
 - (c)** Derrida
