

Admission Test

MA First Year 2013

Presidency University

Answer question number 1 in English and Question number 2 in either English or Bengali

Group-A

- 1)a)What do you understand by "material implication"? Is there anything paradoxical about it? (5)
- b)Which of the following propositions are analytic? State why (5)
- (i) Blackbirds are black birds.
- (ii) A yard is not three feet
- c) How do the Naiyāyikas account for vyāptigraha or knowledge of pervasion? (5)
- d) Explain in brief how the Cārvāka epistemology conditions the metaphysics and ethics of the system. (5)
- e)Are Platonic Ideas substances? Does Aristotle endorse Plato's view of substance? (5)
- f) State the foundational truth of Descartes' philosophy. Does he arrive at it through intuition or inference? (5)
- g) Distinguish between teleological and deontological theories in ethics. (5)
- h)Give a brief account of the Gestalt theory of perception. (5)

Group-B

- 2)a) Explain with examples the method of concomitant variation. In what respect is it distinguished from Mill's other methods? Evaluate its efficacy in establishing causal relations. (8+4+8=20)
- b) Discuss the Sāṅkhya theory of causation. What are the arguments adduced by the system in favour of the theory? Does the theory facilitate the atheism entrenched in Sāṅkhya philosophy?(8+8+4=20)
- c) Expound the thesis that religion is "the universal obsessional neurosis of humanity" (20)

Or

Can all dreams be explained as instances of wish fulfillment? (20)

Or

Give a detailed account of the Marxist concept of social change. (20)