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GAUHATI UNIVERSITY RESEARCH ELIGIBILITY TEST

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Booklet Series:

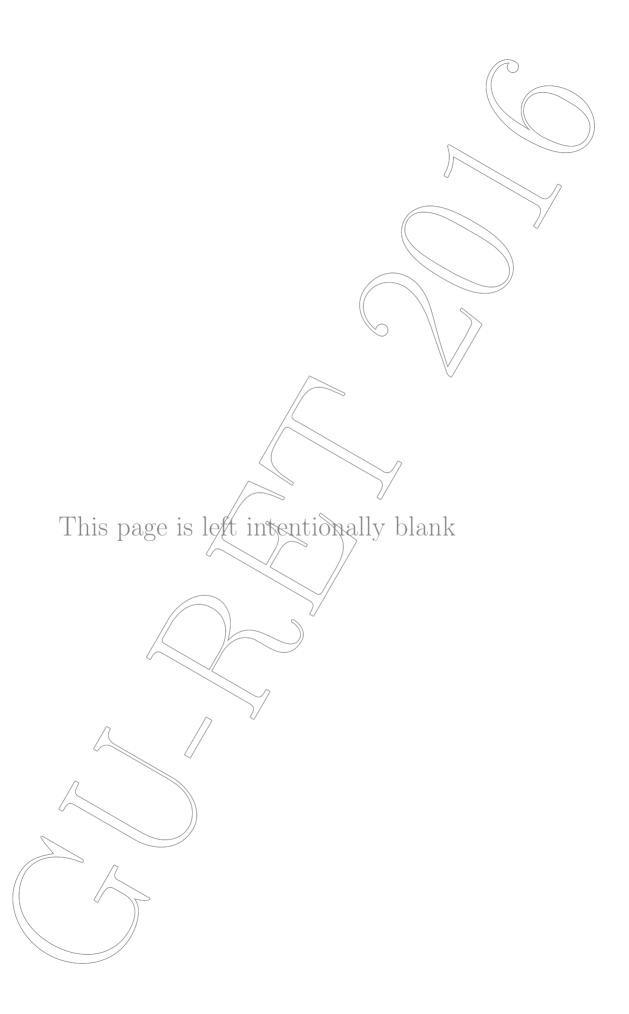
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Invigilator's Name and	OMR SHEET No.		
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Гіме : 2 hours 20 мі	NUTES	Total Marks	s : 80

Instructions for Candidates

- 1. Write your Roll No. and OMR Sheet No. in the poxes provided above.
- 2. This paper consists of two sections: **Section B** with 30 (thirty) objective type questions (OTQ) and **Section C** with 6 (six) descriptive questions. Each OTQ must be answered in one-two words or in very short sentences, which have to be written in a space provided immediately below each question. The descriptive questions in **Section C**, MUST be answered in the space provided in this booklet. No extra pages will be provided in any case.
- 3. Use a pen to write your answers.

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- 4. Read the instructions given inside this booklet before attempting to answer any questions.
- 5. DO NOT write your name, roll no, phone no, or anything, or put any marks anywhere in this booklet, otherwise your candidature will be disqualified.
- 6. If you are found to resort to any kind of unfair means such as carrying extra material other than pen, pencil, watch, eraser, and scale, or copying from somebody or from external material, your candidature will be disqualified.
- 7. Use of mobile phones, calculators, log tables or any other tables, wearable smart devices such as smart Android watches or objects of similar nature CAN NOT be used inside the examination hall.
- 8. At the end of the examination, you have to return this booklet to the invigilator.
- 9. There is no negative marks for incorrect answer.



Section B (30 Marks)

1. Are the Platonic 'Ideas' creations of mind?

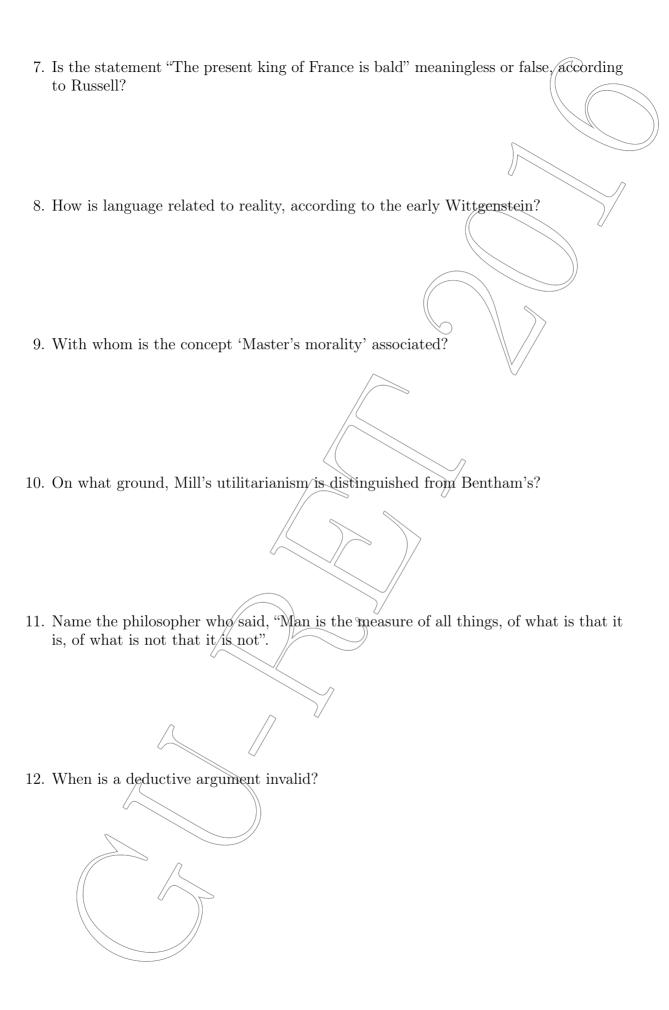
2. What did Descartes aim to achieve in philosophy?

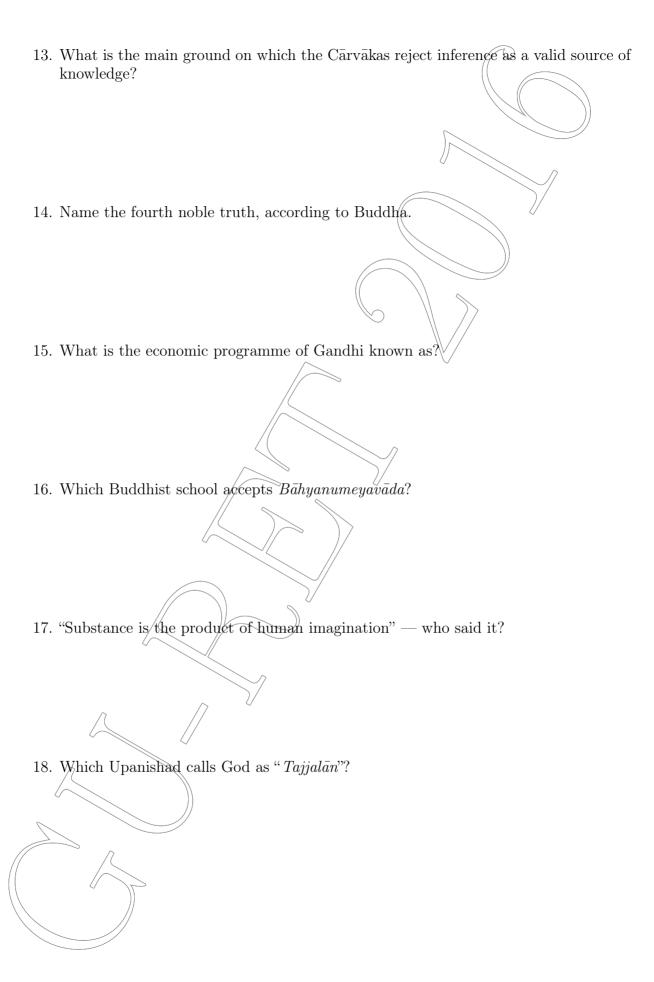
3. Who is known as the 'God-intoxicated philosopher'?

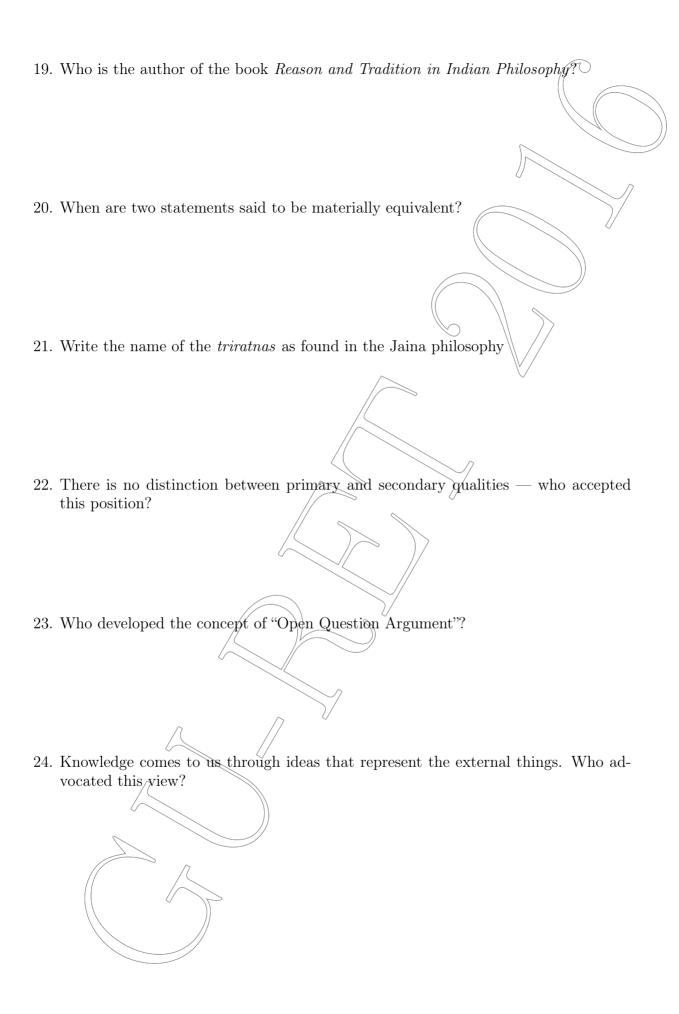
4. Who said that 'primary qualities' and 'secondary qualities' are of equal status?

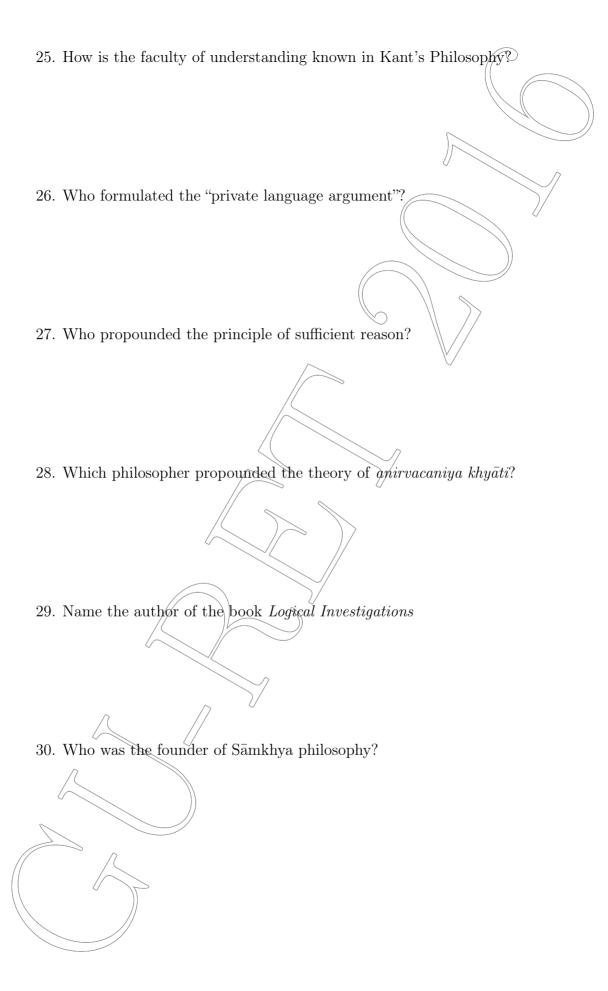
5. "Space and time are empirically real but transcendentally ideal" — who said it?

6. In "Refutation of Idealism", Moore attempted to show the inconsistency of a statement. What is it?









Section C (50 Marks)

Answer any 1 (one) from the following

1. Explain and examine the Mādhyamika theory of Sunyavāda

(Marks: 20)

2. Explain the Cartesian dictum cogito ergo sum. Is it an inference?

(Marks : 20)

3. What is an incomplete symbol? Show how Russell analyses sentences involving definite descriptions.

(Marks: 20)

Answer any 1 (one) from the following

- 4. Critically discuss Samkara's theory of maya or illusion. How does Rāmānuja criticize it? (Marks: 30)
- 5. "Understanding maketh nature out of materials it does not make". Give a critical exposition of the Kantian theory of knowledge. (Marks: 30)
- 6. Explain and examine Sartre's concept of freedom. (Marks: 30)

