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GAUHATI UNIVERSITY RESEARCH ELIGIBILITY TEST

PHILOSOPHY

Booklet Series : **A**

Invigilator's Name and Signature

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TIME : 2 HOURS 20 MINUTES

TOTAL MARKS : 80

Number of Pages in this Booklet : 28

Instructions for Candidates

1. Write your Roll No. and OMR Sheet No. in the boxes 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.
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.

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

7. Is the statement “The present king of France is bald” meaningless or false, according to Russell?

8. How is language related to reality, according to the early Wittgenstein?

9. With whom is the concept ‘Master’s morality’ associated?

10. On what ground, Mill’s utilitarianism is distinguished from Bentham’s?

11. Name the philosopher who said, “Man is the measure of all things, of what is that it is, of what is not that it is not”.

12. When is a deductive argument invalid?

13. What is the main ground on which the Cārvākas reject inference as a valid source of knowledge?

14. Name the fourth noble truth, according to Buddha.

15. What is the economic programme of Gandhi known as?

16. Which Buddhist school accepts *Bāhyanumeyavāda*?

17. "Substance is the product of human imagination" — who said it?

18. Which Upanishad calls God as "*Tajjalān*"?

19. Who is the author of the book *Reason and Tradition in Indian Philosophy*?

20. When are two statements said to be materially equivalent?

21. Write the name of the *triratnas* as found in the Jaina philosophy

22. There is no distinction between primary and secondary qualities — who accepted this position?

23. Who developed the concept of “Open Question Argument”?

24. Knowledge comes to us through ideas that represent the external things. Who advocated this view?

25. How is the faculty of understanding known in Kant's Philosophy?

26. Who formulated the "private language argument"?

27. Who propounded the principle of sufficient reason?

28. Which philosopher propounded the theory of *anirvacaniya khyāti*?

29. Name the author of the book *Logical Investigations*

30. Who was the founder of Sāmkhya philosophy?

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 *māyā* 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)

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