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M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – PHILOSOPHY

SECOND SEMESTER – APRIL 2025

PPL2ME02 – PHILOSOPHY OF MIND



Date: 28-04-2025

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Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 09:00 AM - 12:00 NOON

SECTION A – K1 (CO1)

Answer ALL the questions

(5 x 1 = 5)

1 Answer the following

- The hard and easy problems of consciousness are defined by David Chalmers (True or False)
- Define interactionism
- Name any two parts of the brain with one function each.
- Name the philosopher who proposed the pineal gland?
- The Mary thought experiment is proposed by _____

SECTION A – K2 (CO1)

Answer ALL the questions

(5 x 1 = 5)

2 Match the following/True or False/Fill in the blanks/Answer the following/MCQ/Definitions (Delete the unsuitable option)

- According to Daniel Dennett _____ is an emergent phenomenon.
- What is the purpose of the Turing test?
- Define substance dualism.
- According to epiphenomenalism, mental states are:
a) Causally efficacious b) Irrelevant to behavior c) Illusory phenomena d) Identical to brain states
- Identity theory proposes that mental states are _____ with brain states.
a) identical, b) analogous, c) separate, d) contingent

SECTION B – K3 (CO2)

Answer any THREE of the following in 100 words each.

(3 x 10 = 30)

- Why does Aristotle argue that the soul cannot be separated from the body?
- Can the brain be called a computer? Justify.
- Explain the mind body problem with the help of two philosophers.
- Write a short notes on hard and easy problems of consciousness.
- Explain John Searle's position on consciousness

SECTION C – K4 (CO3)

Answer any TWO of the following in 200 words each.

(2 x 12.5 = 25)

- Evaluate substance dualism with its strengths and weaknesses. Compare it with property dualism.
- How does brain damage affect behaviour. Explain with the help of an example.
- Compare and contrast identity theory and functionalism as theories of mind. How do they address the relationship between mental states and brain states.
- Explain category error in detail with an example. Also note its consequences.

SECTION D – K5 (CO4)

	Answer any ONE of the following in 500 words (1 x 15 = 15)
12	What is Frank Jackson's knowledge argument against physicalism? What does the argument suggest about the nature of qualia and our understanding of the mind? How might physicalists respond to this argument?
13	In what ways might AI technologies influence or shape human identity? Can artificial intelligence ever achieve true consciousness? Discuss the challenges and implications of attributing consciousness to AI systems.

SECTION E – K6 (CO5)

	Answer any ONE of the following in 1000 words (1 x 20 = 20)
14	Describe account of consciousness according to Thomas Nagel, Ned Block and Daniel Dennett.
15	Explain in detail the concepts of Materialism, Eliminative Materialism, Physicalism, Epiphenomenalism, Interactionism. Highlight similarities or differences if any.

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