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PHILOSOPHY

Paper : PHLHC5116

(Analytic Philosophy)

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32

Time : Three hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

1. Choose the correct answer : **(any six)**
1×6=6
 - (a) According to B. Russell, what is the primary characteristic of matter ?
 - (i) Spatial extension
 - (ii) Independence from perception
 - (iii) Temporal duration
 - (iv) Dependence on perception

(b) According to Moore, what is Common Sense ?

- (i) Intuition
- (ii) Every Practical Knowledge
- (iii) Philosophical Knowledge
- (iv) Scientific Knowledge

(c) What is the criterion of meaningfulness according to A. J. Ayer ?

- (i) Verifiability
- (ii) Falsification
- (iii) Intuition
- (iv) Reason

(d) What is Russell's view on the Nature of Reality ?

- (i) Reality is purely physical
- (ii) Reality is purely mental
- (iii) Reality is a combination of physical and mental
- (iv) Reality is unknown

(e) B. Russell argues that matter is

- (i) a collection of physical objects
- (ii) a product of human perception
- (iii) a logical construction from sense-data
- (iv) from hypothesis

(f) Ayer's Elimination of Metaphysics is influenced by

- (i) Existentialism
- (ii) Hermeneutics
- (iii) Logical positivism
- (iv) Phenomenology

(g) B. Russell's argument for the distinction between appearance and reality is based on

- (i) Logical Necessity
- (ii) Empirical evidence
- (iii) Philosophical Intuition
- (iv) Practical utility

(h) Russell distinguishes between

- (i) Appearance and reality
- (ii) Perception and sensation
- (iii) Physical and mental
- (iv) Day and night

(i) What is the title of A. J. Ayer's book that outlines his view on metaphysics?

- (i) Philosophical essays
- (ii) The central question of philosophy
- (iii) Language, Truth and Logic
- (iv) The foundation of empirical knowledge

(i) G. E. Moore's *A defense of Common Sense* is often seen as response to :

- (i) Idealism
- (ii) Skepticism
- (iii) Logical positivism
- (iv) Existentialism

2. Answer the following questions : **(any five)**
2×5=10

- (a) What is knowledge by acquaintance according to Russell?
- (b) What is Ayer's main argument against Metaphysics?
- (c) What is the criterion of verifiability according to A. J. Ayer?
- (d) What is Moore's main argument in *A Defense of Common Sense*?
- (e) How does Russell distinguish between 'sense-data' and 'physical objects'?
- (f) What is Russell's view on the relationship between mind and matter?
- (g) Why does Moore consider common sense propositions indubitable?

3. Answer the following questions : **(any six)**
5×6=30

- (a) Critically evaluate Russell's argument for the existence of matter.
- (b) Discuss the relationship between knowledge by acquaintance and knowledge by description.

(c) Explain Moore's concept of 'common sense' and its significance.

(d) Discuss the significance of the problem of induction in Russell's arguments.

(e) Critically evaluate Russell's distinction between appearance and reality.

(f) Discuss Russell's response to idealism regarding the existence of matter.

(g) Discuss Moore's response to skeptical doubt about knowledge.

(h) Explain Ayer's verification principle.

(i) Explain Moore's distinction between 'Knowledge' and 'Certainty'?

(j) Explain Ayer's concept of "cognitive significance".

4. Answer the following question : **(any two)**
 $10 \times 2 = 20$

(a) Explain how Russell's distinction addresses skeptical doubts about knowledge.

(b) Critically evaluate Ayer's argument for the elimination of metaphysics.

(c) Discuss Moore's concept of "common sense" and its philosophical significance.

(d) Explain Russell's distinction between direct experience (sense data) and independent external entities (physical objects).

5. Answer the following question : **(any one)**
 $14 \times 1 = 14$

(a) Discuss the implications of Russell's view for our understanding of memory.

(b) Explain Ayer's concept of 'Logical Positivism' and its relation to metaphysics.

(c) Discuss the implications of Moore's view for metaphysics.