

BIRLA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY & SCIENCE, PILANI

First Semester 2022-23

**Introductory Philosophy HSS F235
Comprehensive Examination (Closed Book)**

Date: 20-12-2022

**Max Marks 80.0
Duration 3 Hours**

Note: Attempt parts of a question at one place.

1. “Knowledge is the correspondence of thought and reality.” Explain Plato’s views on knowledge in the light of this statement. [10]
2. Explain the centrality of God in Descartes’ explanation of self and external world. [10]
3. “Social well-being is inevitably bound up with individual well-being”. Critically discuss the utilitarian ethics of Bentham and Mill in this regard. [10]
4. “The choice by an individual of a way of life is a ‘leap over the abyss’”. Explain Kierkegaard’s idea of human existence in terms of choices. [10]
5. Bring out a comparative account between Shankara and Ramanuja’s views on the relation between self and Brahman. [10]
6. What is the concept of God in Yoga? How does Yoga provide a practical aid to the goal of Sankhya? Explain. [10]
7. Write short notes on the following: [20]
 - (i) Syadavada (Theory of Relativity) in Jainism
 - (ii) Doctrine of Dependent Origination in Buddhism
 - (iii) Perception in Nyaya
 - (iv) Particularity in Vaisheshika