

BIRLA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY & SCIENCE, PILANI
Second Semester 2021-22
Introductory Philosophy HSS F235
Comprehensive Examination (Closed Book)

Date: 19-05-2022

Max Marks 40.0
Duration 3 Hours

Note: Attempt parts of a question at one place.

1. “The human mental world is the only legitimate sphere of science and inquiry”. Critically discuss Hume’s views on knowledge in this regard. [6]
2. Discuss the chief tenets of existentialism and expound Kierkegaard’s idea of truth and Sartre’s idea of bad faith. [6]
3. Explain the nature of inference according to Nyaya and bring out a comparison between Nyaya and Aristotelian logic. [5]
4. Taking the pluralistic and relativistic position of Jainism, expound its metaphysical and epistemological aspects. [5]
5. State and discuss Sankhya’s dualistic and Vaisheshika’s pluralistic positions regarding reality. [5]
6. Critically examine Plato’s views on well-ordered soul and state. [5]
7. Concisely discuss the relationship between the following pairs: [8]
 - (i) Brahman and Maya (Shankar)
 - (ii) Morality and Immortality of the soul (Kant)