

**THIRD AND FOURTH SEMESTER M.A./M.Sc./M.Com. DEGREE  
EXAMINATION, APRIL/MAY 2021**

PVT/SDE

(CUCBCSS)

Philosophy

DPI 308—PHILOSOPHICAL TRADITIONS OF KERALA

(2017 to 2018 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 200 Marks

**Section A**

*Answer any four questions.*

*Each question carries 25 marks.*

*Answer should not exceed 1,000 words.*

1. Examine the important aspects of the social philosophy of Sree Narayana Guru.
2. Discuss the contributions of Swami Ananda Thirtha to the Kerala Renaissance Movement.
3. Briefly explain the role of bhakti poets in the development of identity of Malayalam language.
4. Examine the influence of existentialism and Structuralist criticism in the modern literature of Malayalam by giving suitable examples of writers who followed these trends of literature.
5. Highlight the salient features of varna system and its development in the society of Kerala.
6. 'The Renaissance movement in Kerala was born out of nationalism.' - Explain this view.

(4 × 25 = 100 marks)

**Section B**

*Answer any ten questions.*

*Each question carries 10 marks.*

*Answers should not exceed 300 words each.*

7. Distinguish between varna system and caste system.
8. Examine the characteristics of belief systems and worship pattern of primitive society of Kerala.
9. Discuss the activities and role of Atma Vidya Sangham in the Kerala Renaissance movement.

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10. Highlight the contributions of Ezhuthachan and Cherusseri in developing the concept of unity in diversity through their poems.
11. Briefly explain the interpretations of Vedanta in Jnanappana of Poonthanam.
12. Examine the importance of Advaitic re-interpretation in the philosophy of Chattampi Swamikal.
13. Highlight the activities of Swami Ananda Thirtha towards the eradication of untouchability in Kerala.
14. Distinguish between Flora and Fauna.
15. Write a short note on Theyyam.
16. Examine the relevance of folklore in the philosophical tradition of Kerala.
17. Explain the 'concept one' with reference to the works of Melpattur Narayana Bhattathiri.
18. Discuss the importance of religious tolerance in Sree Narayana Guru's philosophy.
19. Give a brief account of Mutiyettu.
20. Write short notes on any *two* of the following :
  - (a) Thottampattu ; (b) Thinna ; and (c) Thira.

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DPI 306—PHILOSOPHY OF MARXISM

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**Section A**

*Answer any four questions.*

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1. Explain how dialectical materialism is a progressive synthesis between Hegelian idealism and Feuerbach's materialism.
2. "All means for the development of production undergo a dialectical inversion so that they become the means of domination and exploitation of the producers." With reference to this statement of Marx, demonstrate how 'exploitation and alienation are the two sides of the same coin'.
3. "History of all hitherto existing society is the history of class struggles". Explain.
4. Explain the classical Marxist theory of substructure - superstructure dialectics as the source of political, religious and legal ideas.
5. Evaluate the success of Althusser in replacing the classical Marxist notion of economic determinism of class conflict with his theory of 'multiple contradictions'.
6. Write notes on any two of the following :
  - a) Commodity fetishism
  - b) Imperialism
  - c) Georg Lukács' conception of the commodification of cultural productions

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**Turn over**

**Section B**

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7. Describe the main differences between socialism and communism.
8. Evaluate Marx's position as a radical figure among Young Hegelians.
9. Analyze the causes and consequences of money alienation.
10. Explain how the Marxian interpretation of religion is different from Feuerbach's.
11. Describe the Marx's analysis of capitalism as a paradigm of his dialectics of history.
12. Present a critical evaluation of the Marxian doctrine of the withering away of the state.
13. Elucidate Lenin's conception of imperialism as the last stage of the development of capitalism and the eve of socialist revolution.
14. Bring out Lenin's conception of the concentration of production and the rise of monopoly capitalism.
15. Explain the Marxian view of the role of marriage and family in a class society.
16. Describe Gramsci's view that an "organic ideology" emanates from the dynamic function of articulation performed by social agents called "organic intellectuals".
17. Bring out Georg Lukács' formulation of a Marxist aesthetics that opposed political control of artists and defended humanism.
18. Elucidate Jameson's criticism that commodification - the transformation of relationships into objects, into things - has become "the logic of social life today."
19. Present a critical study of Walter Benjamin's the statement in his 'Capitalism as Religion' - "One can behold in capitalism a religion, that is to say, capitalism essentially serves to satisfy the same worries, anguish, and disquiet formerly answered by so-called religion."
20. Bring out Adorno's contributions to the making of the New Left.

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DPI 303—EXISTENTIALISM

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**Section A**

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1. Examine the salient features of Existentialism.
2. Discuss the important aspects of Phenomenology.
3. Explain the contributions of Nietzsche towards Existentialism.
4. Examine the importance of the concept of freedom and responsibility in the philosophy of Sartre.
5. Define Phenomenology and bring out the significance of Heidegger's Phenomenological approach.
6. 'Truth is subjectivity.' - Elucidate this statement highlighting the importance of Kierkegaard as an Existentialist.

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**Section B**

*Answer any ten questions.*

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7. Explain why Existentialism is considered as a form of humanism ?
8. Discuss the relation between Phenomenology and Existentialism.
9. Distinguish between theistic and atheistic Existentialism.

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10. Examine the three stages of existence in Kierkegaard's philosophy.
11. Briefly explain intentionality.
12. Analyze the concept of Superman in Nietzsche's philosophy.
13. Give an account of the concept of being in the philosophy of Martin Heidegger.
14. Briefly explain the method of bracketing in Phenomenology.
15. Distinguish between being-in itself and being-for itself.
16. Discuss the three orders of being in Karl Jasper's philosophy.
17. Analyze the concept of bad faith in the philosophy of Sartre.
18. Examine the importance of 'will to power' in the Existentialist philosophy of Nietzsche.
19. Give an account of the influence of Kierkegaard in the development of twentieth century philosophy.
20. Briefly explain the philosophical background of Existentialism.

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DPI 302—PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE

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**Section A**

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1. Discuss the important aspects of Wittgenstein's philosophy
2. Examine the contributions of Russell to the philosophy of language.
3. Explain the important features of Dummett's theory of meaning.
4. Elucidate the two dogmas of Empiricism according to Quine.
5. Critically analyze Davidson's theory of Truth.
6. 'When we study human language, we are approaching what some might call the human essence.'  
- Explain this statement analyzing Chomsky's language acquisition theories.

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**Section B**

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7. Give an account of Logical Syntax.
8. Discuss the importance of Vienna Circle in Twentieth Century philosophy.
9. Bring out the relation between language and reality.

**Turn over**

10. Examine the characteristic features of philosophy of language.
11. Distinguish between concept and object in Frege's philosophy.
12. Critically evaluate Russell's theory of definite description.
13. Examine the importance of Logical grammar according to Quine.
14. Give an account of Chomsky's concept of Generative grammar.
15. Discuss the relevance of the notion of T-sentence in the philosophy of language.
16. Distinguish between Pragmatic and Sematic views of reality.
17. Bring out the relation between sense and reference in the philosophy of Frege.
18. Analyze the relevance of anti-realism in Dummett's philosophy.
19. Discuss the notion of Truth and Satisfaction in Quine's philosophy.
20. Give an account of Analytic philosophy.

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DPI 301—CONTEMPORARY INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

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**Section A**

*Answer any four questions.*

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1. 'The implications of humanism are transparent in the whole philosophy of Swami Vivekananda.' - Analyse this statement by explaining the important tenets of spiritual humanism of Swami Vivekananda.
2. Highlight the salient features of contemporary Indian philosophy.
3. 'Narayana Guru's philosophy is basically a revelation and restatement of Advaita Vedanta.' - Explain.
4. Explain the relevance of Sri Aurobindo's Integral Yoga in modern Indian thought.
5. State and explain the concept of liberation and the different means to realise it in the philosophy of Swami Vivekananda.
6. 'New Humanism of M.N.Roy helps the people of revive faith and potentialities in themselves.' - Examine this statement analysing the significant aspects of Radical Humanism.

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**Section B**

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7. Examine the importance of religious tolerance in the philosophy of Sree Narayana Guru.
8. Analyse M.N. Roy's attitude towards decentralisation.
9. Briefly explain Dr.S. Radhakrishnan's concept of man and his destiny.
10. Discuss Swami Vivekananda's concept of Universal Religion.
11. What are the eight cords of being which the expressions of Reality, according to Sri Aurobindo ?
12. Examine the twin process of involution and evolution as conceived by Sri Aurobindo.
13. Examine M.N. Roy's concept of individual freedom.
14. Analyse the eight fold path advocated by Sree Narayana Guru in his social philosophy.
15. Explain briefly the three stages of Integral Yoga.
16. Write a short note on the concept of Radical democracy developed by M.N.Roy.
17. Examine the concept of Saccidananda in the philosophy of Sri Aurobindo.
18. Discuss the relation between intellect and intuition in the philosophy of Dr.S. Radhakrishnan.
19. Elucidate Swami Vivekananda's views on Karmayoga.
20. Briefly explain the concept of Divine life in Sri Aurobindo's philosophy.

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