

FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR RECRUITMENT TO POSTS
IN BPS-17, UNDER THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, 2002.

PHILOSOPHY, PAPER-I

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS

MAXIMUM MARKS: 100

Note: Attempt any FIVE questions including Question No.8 which is COMPULSORY. All questions carry EQUAL marks.

1. What is Logic? Evaluate in brief Aristotelian Logic.
2. How Induction differs from Deduction? Can Induction be justified?
3. What is the purpose and function of Definition? Discuss various forms of Definition.
4. What is Symbolic Logic? Is it an improvement over traditional logic?
5. Discuss the traditional Square of Opposition.
6. Discuss Ibn-e-Taimya's refutation of Aristotelian Metaphysics and Logic.
7. Write short notes on any Three of the following:
 - (a) Categorical Syllogism
 - (b) Dilemma
 - (c) Laws of Thought
 - (d) Probability
 - (e) Argument by Analogy
 - (f) Functional Analysis

COMPULSORY QUESTION

8. Write only the correct answer in the Answer Book. Don't reproduce the statement.

A	Distinguish between the Deductive and Inductive arguments:
(1)	Since the test proved that it took at least 2.3 seconds to operate the bullet on Omer's rifle. Omer obviously could not have fired three times hitting Ahmad twice and Ali once in 5.6 second or less.
(2)	A gardener who cultivates his own garden with his own hands, unites in his own person three different characters of land-lord, farmer and labourer. His produce, therefore, should pay him the rent of the first, profit of the second and the wages of the third.
(3)	It is evident from the state of the country from the habits of the people, from the experience we have had on the point itself, that it is impracticable to raise any very considerable sums by direct taxation. Tax Laws have in vain been multiplied, new methods to enforce the collection have in vain been tried, the public expectations disappointed and the treasuries of the states have remained empty.

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(5)	There is, of course, no filament or heating element in the transistor to burn it out. Consequently, transistor should last almost indefinitely, subject only to limitations of abuse, deterioration through diffusion of water vapor through the casing and so on.
(B)	If "Some Saints were martyrs" is true And "Some merchants are not pirates" is true what may be inferred about the truth or falsehood of the following propositions:
(6)	Some martyrs were not saints.
(7)	All martyrs were not saints.
(8)	No martyr were saints.
(9)	Some non-pirates are non-merchants
(10)	All non-pirates are non-merchants
(C)	Discuss the validity or invalidity of the following arguments:
(11)	Smith is a fine man or Smith is the engineer. Smith is not a fine man. Therefore Smith is the engineer.
(12)	If the second native told the truth, then the first native denied being a politician. Therefore if the second native told the truth, then the third native told the truth.
(13)	Mr. Smith is the brakeman's next-door neighbour or Mr. Robinson is the brakeman's next-door neighbour. Therefore Mr. Smith is the brakeman's next-door neighbour.
(14)	There is no case known in which the thing is found to be efficient cause of itself, for if it were so, it would be prior to itself, which is impossible.
(15)	It is clear that we mean something, and something is different in each case, by such words (as cause change, etc). If we did not we could not use them consistently, and it is obvious that on the whole we do consistently apply and with hold such names.
(D)	If the following argument by analogy has five additional premises suggested for it; for each of these alternative premises, decide whether its addition would make the resulting argument more or less probable. An investor has purchased one hundred shares of oil stock every December for the past five years. In every case the value of the stock has appreciated about 3 percent a year, and it has paid regular dividends of about 5 percent a year on the price he bought it. This December he decides to buy another hundred shares of Oil Stock, reasoning that he will probably receive modest earnings while watching the value of his new purchases increase over the years.
(16)	Suppose he had purchased oil-stock every December for the past fifteen years instead of only five years.
(17)	Suppose the oil-stock previously purchased had gone up by 10 percent a year instead of only 3 percent a year.
(18)	Suppose his previous purchases of oil-stock had been in foreign companies as well as in Eastern, Southern and Western American Oil Companies.
(19)	Suppose he learns that the Federal Government is considering the passage of a new law to regulate oil and gas companies more strictly.
(20)	Suppose he discovers that Tobacco Stocks have just raised their dividend payments.

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1. "To be is to be perceived". Critically evaluate Berkeley's theory of Idealism.
2. Vitalism is a revolt against Rationalistic & Mechanistic approach to Philosophy. Do you think that Vitalism succeeds where rationalism/mechanism fails?
3. Discuss the role and place of Ijtihad in Islamic culture with special reference to Iqbal.
4. "Man is free; man is freedom". Discuss the significance of this statement in Existential Philosophy.
5. Do you think that Ibn-I-Khaldun's philosophy of history is compatible with Islamic Philosophy of History.
6. What are the essential differences between Mutazilism & Asharism. Can they be reconciled?
7. Write short notes on any TWO of the following:-
 - (a) Ibn Rushd's Critique of Al-Ghazali
 - (b) Psychology of Ibn Sina
 - (c) Ethics of Al-Ghazali
 - (d) Political Philosophy of Al-Farabi

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1	Tahafat-ul-Falasafa was written by:	
	(a) Al-Farabi	(b) Al-Kindi
	(c) Al-Ghazali	(d) None of these.
2	Tahafat-ul-Tahafat was written by:	
	(a) Ibn Ishaq	(b) Ibn Khaldun
	(c) Ibn Rushd	(d) None of these.
3	'Major Themes of the Qur'an' was written by:	
	(a) Ali Shariati	(b) Hussain Nasr
	(c) Fazl-ur-Rehman	(d) None of these.
4	'Origin of species' was written by:	
	(a) Bergson	(b) Descartes.
	(c) Darwin	(d) None of these.
5	'Lectures on The Reconstruction of Religious Thought in Islam' was written by:	
	(a) Rumi	(b) Ali Shariati
	(c) Iqbal	(d) None of these.

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6	A. J. Ayer is an important name in the Philosophy of:	
	(a) Pragmatism	(b) Logical Positivism
	(c) Existentialism	(d) None of these.
7	'Philosophical Investigations' was written by:	
	(a) Whitehead	(b) Russell
	(c) Wittgenstein	(d) None of these.
8	'Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals' was written by:	
	(a) Hegel	(b) Kant
	(c) Hume	(d) None of these.
9	"Impressions precede Ideas" is the basis of:	
	(a) Empiricism	(b) Idealism
	(c) Vitalism	(d) None of these.
10	Cogito ergo sum is the method of philosophy introduced by:	
	(a) Al-Ghazali	(b) Descartes
	(c) Plato	(d) None of these.
11	"Mind is a Tabula Rasa" is the thesis of:	
	(a) Leibniz	(b) Berkeley
	(c) Locke	(d) None of these.
12	'Treatise of Human Nature' was written by:	
	(a) Spinoza	(b) Hobbes
	(c) Hume	(d) None of these.
13	"Sun will rise tomorrow". What is the nature of this statement:	
	(a) Knowledge-statement	(b) Belief-statement
	(c) Intuitive-statement	(d) None of these.
14	"Existence precedes Essence" is the basic thesis of:	
	(a) Vitalism	(b) Existentialism
	(c) Pragmatism	(d) None of these.
15	"Unexamined life is not worth-living". This is the contention of:	
	(a) Aristotle	(b) St. Augustine
	(c) Socrates	(d) None of these.
16	'Hujja tillah Hil Baligha' was written by:	
	(a) Syed Ahmad Khan	(b) Syed Amir Ali
	(c) Shah Wali Ullah	(d) None of these.
17	'Principia Ethica' was written by:	
	(a) Whitehead	(b) Russell
	(c) G. E. Moore	(d) None of these.
18	Critique of Pure Reason is a remarkable contribution of:	
	(a) Hegel	(b) Kant
	(c) J. P. Sartre.	(d) None of these.
19	'Social contract' was written by:	
	(a) Voltair	(b) Rousseau
	(c) T. Moore	(d) None of these.
20	"God infused His own spirit in man"; "Now it is upto man to bear witness that God is indeed present in him". This saying is of:	
	(a) Rumi	(b) Ibn Arabi
	(c) Allama Iqbal	(d) None of these.
