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PHILOSOPHY

Paper : V [CC 5]

Date : 21/12/2019

Time : 11 am – 1 pm

Full Marks : 50

Answer any five questions :

[5×10]

1. "Radical empiricism consists first of all of a postulate, next of a statement of a fact, and finally of a generalized conclusion." — Explain briefly the nature of radical empiricism in the light of the quoted remark of James.
2. Explain, after William James, the basic features of pragmatism.
3. What does Ryle mean by 'systematically misleading expression'? Explain with an example from quasi-ontological statements.
4. How does Ryle explain category mistake? Illustrate.
5. How does Moore refute idealism? Explain.
6. What is the Puzzle about identity? How does Frege solve it? [3+7]
7. Explain, with illustrations, Frege's distinction between sense and reference of proper name.
8. What does Frege mean by sense of expression? Is sense the same as idea? Discuss. [5+5]
9. a) What does Kant mean by 'a scandal to philosophy'?
b) How does Kant prove the external world? [5+5]
10. Explain, after G.E.Moore, the proof of an external world? [10]

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