



FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION-2026 FOR RECRUITMENT
TO POSTS IN BS-17 UNDER THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Roll Number

PHILOSOPHY

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS

PART-I (MCQs) : MAXIMUM 30 MINUTES

(PART-I MCQs) MAXIMUM MARKS: 20

(PART-II) MAXIMUM MARKS: 80

NOTE: (i) First attempt PART-I (MCQs) on separate OMR Answer Sheet which shall be taken back after 30 minutes.

(ii) Overwriting/cutting of the options/answers will not be given credit.

(iii) There is no negative marking. All MCQs must be attempted.

PART-I (MCQs) (COMPULSORY)

Q.1. (i) Select the best option/answer and fill in the appropriate Box ☐ on the OMR Answer Sheet. (20x1=20)
(ii) Answers given anywhere else, other than OMR Answer Sheet, will not be considered.

1. According to _____ politics has to be obedient to morality.
(A) Russel (B) Plato (C) Aristotle (D) None of these
2. Representative realism is also known as:
(A) Common sense realism (B) Subjective idealism
(C) Transcendental subjectivism (D) None of these
3. _____ has proposed the verification principle as the main idea of logical positivism.
(A) Berkley (B) Freire (C) A.J. Ayer (D) None of these
4. The nature of Greek philosophy is predominantly:
(A) Mythical (B) Religious (C) Speculative (D) None of these
5. Das capital is the work of:
(A) John Rawls (B) Karl Marx (C) Voltaire (D) None of these
6. _____ pragmatism is also known as instrumentalism.
(A) Rorty (B) Dewey (C) Putnam (D) None of these
7. To be is to be perceived is a famous dictum of:
(A) Berkley (B) Kant (C) Locke (D) None of these
8. AL-Ghazali's major work the revival of religious sciences focuses upon:
(A) Philosophy (B) Religion (C) Ethics (D) All of these
9. _____ is known as the father of Islamic Neoplatonism.
(A) Al-Farabi (B) Ibn Sina (C) Ibn Khaldun (D) None of these
10. Social contract theory is associated with:
(A) Rawls (B) Rousseau (C) Hobbes (D) All of these
11. Ibn Khaldun's conception of history is:
(A) Progressive (B) Cyclical (C) Scientific (D) None of these
12. _____ believes that practice of anatomy enhanced one's faith in God:
(A) Ibn Rushd (B) Al-Ghazali (C) Ibn Sina (D) None of these
13. Birth of clinic is the work of:
(A) Nietzsche (B) Foucault (C) Nozick (D) None of these
14. Bergson prefers _____ over intellect
(A) Experience (B) Revelation (C) Intuition (D) None of these
15. According to _____ man is a pleasure-seeking animal.
(A) Anaximenes (B) Democritus (C) Plotinus (D) None of these
16. _____ is best known for his theory of monads.
(A) Spinoza (B) Leibniz (C) Hume (D) None of these
17. Mind-body dualism is the theory of:
(A) Kant (B) Descartes (C) Hobbes (D) None of these
18. According to _____ knowledge is sense experience elaborated by understanding.
(A) Iqbal (B) Ibn Khaldun (C) Sir Syed (D) None of these
19. Nihilism is a philosophy of:
(A) Lyotard (B) Nietzsche (C) Popper (D) None of these
20. The term open society is coined by:
(A) Popper (B) Bergson (C) Gadamer (D) None of these

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PART-II

- NOTE:** (i) *Part-II is to be attempted on the separate Answer Book.*
(ii) *Attempt ONLY FOUR questions from PART-II. ALL questions carry EQUAL marks.*
(iii) *All the parts (if any) of each Question must be attempted at one place instead of at different places.*
(iv) *Write Q. No. in the Answer Book in accordance with Q. No. in the Q.Paper.*
(v) *No Page/Space be left blank between the answers. All the blank pages of Answer Book must be crossed.*
(vi) *Extra attempt of any question or any part of the question will not be considered.*

- Q. No. 2. Discuss some of the implications of Aristotle's virtue ethics in the context of his notion of moral excellence. (20)
- Q. No. 3. Pierce's pragmatic maxim claims that the purpose of philosophy is to free philosophy from 'senseless jargon'. Explain. (20)
- Q. No. 4. What is the connection between Nietzsche's Nihilism and Existentialism? Elaborate. (20)
- Q. No. 5. Differentiate between Hobbesian and Rawlsian contractarian approaches with examples. (20)
- Q. No. 6. Why Heidegger is critical of traditional metaphysics? Discuss in detail. (20)
- Q. No. 7. Why does Kantian philosophy is known as Copernican revolution in the history of Western philosophy? Discuss. (20)
- Q. No. 8. Why was Shah Wali Allah interested in developing an equilibrium between angelic and animalistic dimensions of man? Discuss with reference to his conception of man. (20)