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Sample Multiple Choice Questions (25)

Type: MCQ

- Q.1 “Whatever exists is mental”. This view, according to Daya Krishna, can be attributed to- (4)
A. Advaita-Vedānta
B. Kashmir Śaivism
C. **Yogācāra Buddhism
D. Patanjala Yoga
- Q.2 The following systems according to Daya Krishna are not primarily concerned with Mokṣa as puruṣārtha- (4)
A. **Nyāya, Vaiśeṣika, Mīmāṃsā, Cārvāka
B. Jainism, Buddhism, Advaita-Vedānta and Yoga
C. Sāṅkhya, Yoga, Nyāya, Vaiśeṣika
D. Nyāya, Vaiśeṣika, Mīmāṃsā, Yoga
- Q.3 Out of all schools, which can be said, in the real sense of the term, to be engaged in exegesis and to accept the authority of the Vedas, are- (4)
A. Nyāya, Vaiśeṣika, Mīmāṃsā
B. **Pūrvamīmāṃsā and Vedānta
C. Sāṅkhya, Yoga and Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika
D. Sankhya, Vedanta, Mimamsa

Q.4 Match the pairs (4)

**The classification of Indian
Philosophical systems**

A1: Essentialist and Anti-essentialist
A2: Empiricist, Rationalist, Exgetical

Introduced by

B1: Jainism
B2: Debiprasad Chattopadhyaya

A3: Absolutist and Non-absolutist
A4: Idealist and Materialist

B3: Mādhyamika Buddhism
B4: Vasudevshastri Abhyankar

Answer:

- A. ** A1---B3, A2---B4, A3---B1, A4----B2
- B. A1--B1, A2—B 2, A3—B3, A4—B4
- C. A1—B3, A2—B2, A3—B1, A4--B4
- D. A1—B3, A2—B1, A3—B4, A4—B2

- Q.5 According to Daya Krishna, Indian philosophical systems are treated as air-tight compartments, because- (4)
- A. They follow rigorous methodology
 - B. **They adhere to their source texts as the authority
 - C. They try to attain perfection
 - D. They do not interact with each other
- Q.6 Dharmaśāstra of Manu and Arthaśāstra of Kauṭilya, according to Daya Krishna , can be called the first appearances of- (4)
- A. Religious and economic thought respectively
 - B. Moral philosophy and Political philosophy respectively
 - C. ** Social and Political Philosophy respectively
 - D. Ethics and Economics respectively
- Q.7 According to Daya Krishna, the History of Indian Philosophy should be re-written as- (4)
- A. Schools-oriented
 - B. ** Problem-oriented
 - C. Individual-oriented
 - D. Time-oriented
- Q.8 The first break-through in Indian Philosophy according to Daya Krishna, was- (4)
- A. Systematization of Philosophical systems
 - B. ** Emergence of Buddhism and Jainism
 - C. Emergence of Śaṅkara's Vedānta
 - D. Documentation of the Sutras
- Q.9 Why do Bādarāyaṇa and Jaimini go in opposite directions about finding out the essence of the Vedas? The main reason according o Daya Krishna was that- (4)
- A. ** Pūrva-Mīmāṃsā adopts verb-centric approach while interpreting the Vedas whereas Vedānta, adopts noun-centric approach.
 - B. Jaimini emphasizes rituals whereas Bādarāyaṇa emphasizes

knowledge.

- C. Pūrva-Mīmāṃsā regards only Brāhmaṇa texts as pramāṇa whereas Vedānta regards only Upaniṣads as pramāṇa.
- D. Jaimini gives importance to ethics whereas Badarayana gives importance to metaphysics

Q. 10 Different concepts of philosophy prevailed in India at different times. This was asserted by- (4)

- A. Prof. Daya Krishna
- B. Prof. J.N. Mohanty
- C. ** Prof. K.Sacchidananda Murty
- D. Prof. S.N. Barlingey

Q. 11 The names of contemporary scholars mentioned by Murty as adopting non-stereo-type approach to Indian Philosophy- (4)

- A. Rahul Sankrutyayan, M.N. Roy and Dr. Radhakrishnan
- B. Rahul Sankrutyayan, Pt. Sukhlalji and Dr. Dasgupta
- C. Rahul Sankrutyayan, M.N. Roy and Dr. Dasgupta
- D. ** Rahul Sankrutyayan, M.N. Roy and Pt. Sukhlalji

Q. 12 Identify the correct pair- (4)

- A. Rahul Sankrutyayan- Evolution of Indian Philosophy
- B. ** M.N. Roy- Materialism
- C. Pt. Sukhlalji- Darshan-Digdarshan
- D. Dr. Murty- Indian Philosophy

Q. 13 Traditional doctrine of realism does not hold that- (2)

- A. There is a mind-independent world
- B. Statements acquire truth by correspondence to the facts
- C. ** The world is constituted partly by conceptual construction
- D. Truth transcends human ability to transcend it

Q. 14 The Indian system upholding transcendent realism are- (2)

- A. Carvaka, Nyaya, Jaina
- B. ** Vedanta, Sankhya, Jaina
- C. Vedanta, Jaina, Carvaka
- D. Nyaya, Carvaka, Buddhism

Q.15 Critical thinking is systematic because it involves distinct (1)

- A. observation and experimentation

- B. **procedures and methods
- C. emotions
- D. beliefs and opinions

Q.16 In critical thinking an argument is a set of: (1)

- A. conjunctions
- B. premises
- C. conclusion
- D. **statements

Q. 17 A deductive argument is intended to provide logically conclusive support for a: (1)

- A. Conclusion
- B. **premises
- C. statement
- D. observation and experimentation

Q. 18 Creative thinking is: (1)

- A. observational
- B. experimental
- C. **divergent
- D. convergent

Q.19 Creative thinking can be performed both by: (1)

- A.**Structured and unstructured process
- B.ideas and solutions
- C.observation and experimentation
- D.inductive and deductive reasoning

Q.20 A sound argument is both ...and all of its premises are (1)

- A. valid and false
- B. invalid and false
- C. ** valid and true
- D. invalid and true

Q.21 What is the title of the seminal study on urban Blacks by W. E. B. DuBois? (3)

- A. **The Philadelphia Negro
- B. Black Orpheus
- C. Black Skin, White Masks
- D. The Racial Contract

Q.22 Why does the American Negro feel a deep interest in the discussion about race, according to DuBois? (3)

- A. It is a study of the history of Africa.
- B. It considers the African American race to be superior than the others.
- C. **It makes certain assumptions about the abilities of Black people, which are unfounded.
- D. It has established scientific evidence of the superiority of one race over others.

Q. 23 Which work written by DuBois has been critiqued by Appiah in “The Uncompleted Argument”? (3)

- A. Discourse on Colonialism
- B. Race Matters
- C. Notes of a Native Son
- D. **The Conservation of Races

Q. 24 Which feature of a race group does Appiah consider as inessential? (3)

- A. Mental abilities
- B. **Language
- C. Physical features
- D. Culture

Q. 25 According to Appiah, what is the antithesis in the dialectic in DuBois’ argument? (3)

- A. The acceptance of difference
- B. The rejection of difference
- C. The acceptance of superiority
- D. **The acceptance of difference and all races are complementary to one another
