

# Philosophy Question Bank

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Paper: Philosophy of Language

## Unit-I

1. Fill in the blanks.

- a) Languages consist of \_\_\_\_\_.
- b) Sentences consist of \_\_\_\_\_.
- c) \_\_\_\_\_ is the smallest unit of meaning.
- d) Signs may be natural or \_\_\_\_\_.
- e) Words are \_\_\_ signs.
- f) A word is \_\_\_ if it has more than one meaning.

2. Write sort type of questions (One or Two sentence).

- a) What is a word?
- b) What is a sign?
- c) What is a symbol?
- d) What is ambiguity?
- e) What do you mean by vague?

3. Short type questions (75 words)

- a) Give a note on sign.
- b) How sign is different from symbol?
- c) How meaning is used in the sense of Indicator?
- d) How meaning is used in the sense of explanation?
- e) How meaning is used in the sense of significance?
- f) What is process- product ambiguity?
- g) What is Type -Token ambiguity?
- h) What is behavioural theory of meaning?
- i) How words are used as tool-theory?

4. Long Type Questions (300words)

- a) What is a word? Distinguish between word, noise, sign & Symbol.
- b) Bring out the different meaning of word 'meaning' with example.
- c) How does ambiguity arise in the use of a word? Explain the different types of ambiguity.
- d) How do the words of a language become vague? Is vagueness a pervasive feature of language?

**Unit - II**

1. Fill up the blanks.

- a) Reportive definition is also known as \_\_\_\_\_.
- b) Accompanying characteristics is a \_\_\_\_\_ statement.
- c) Definition is concerned with meaning but not with \_\_\_\_\_.
- d) \_\_\_\_\_ characteristics is a part of definition of a word.
- e) \_\_\_\_\_ definitions are neither true nor false.
- f) \_\_\_\_\_ Ostensive definition is explaining the meaning of a word by non- verbal means.

2. Write short type of questions. (one or two sentence)

- a) What is denotation?
- b) What is connotation?
- c) What is definition by equivalent words?
- d) What is defining characteristic?
- e) What do you mean by Stipulative definition?
- f) What is Reportive definition?
- g) What is Ostensive definition?

3. Short type questions (75 words)

- a) What is definition by equivalent words?
- b) What are persuasive definitions?
- c) What is Stipulative definition?
- d) What is Connotation ?
- e) What is Defining characteristics?
- f) What is accompanying characteristics?
- g) What are satisfactory definitions?
- h) What is fundamentality of definition?

4. Long type questions (300 Words)

- a) Distinguish between Stipulative and Reportive definition.

- b) Distinguish between defining characteristics and accompanying characteristics.
- c) What is persuasive definition? What are the defining characteristics for non-persuasive definition?
- d) Explain in detail ostensive definition with example.

### **Unit-III**

1. Fill up the blanks.

- a) A sentence is a combination of\_\_\_\_\_.
- b) A proposition is either \_\_\_\_\_or\_\_\_\_\_.
- c) An ambiguous word in the sentence is called \_\_\_\_\_ambiguity.
- d) An ambiguous ordering of words is called \_\_\_\_\_ambiguity.

2 .Write short type of questions (one or two sentences)

- a) What is a sentence?
- b) What is a proposition?
- c) What is word meaning?
- d) What is sentence meaning?
- e) What is a truth- condition?

3. Short type questions (75 words)

- a) What is sentence- meaning?
- b) What is word- meaning?
- c) What is proposition?
- d) What is imaginability?
- e) What is describability?

4 Long type Questions (300 words)

- a) What is sentence? Distinguish between sentence and proposition.
- b) Explain the criteria for sentence meaning.

### **Unit- IV**

1. Fill up the blanks.

- a) Concepts are acquired through\_\_\_\_\_.
- b) Concept that are innate without having the experience and is called\_\_\_\_\_.
- c) All concepts are acquired through experience is called\_\_\_\_\_.
- d) Idea is a copy of\_\_\_\_\_.
- e) According to Hume “ If no impressions, then no\_\_\_\_\_ is true.
- f) A proposition is true if it corresponds with a\_\_\_\_\_.
- g) Correspondence is used in the sense of \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Write short type answers. (One or two sentence)

- a) What is concept rationalism?
- b) What is concept empiricism?
- c) What is idea of sensation?
- d) What is idea of reflection?
- e) What is impression?
- f) What is complex idea?
- g) What is truth?
- h) What is correspondence theory of truth?
- i) What is coherence theory of truth?

3. Short type questions (75 words)

- a) Distinguish concept rationalism and empiricism.
- b) Distinguish simple idea and Complex idea.
- c) How concepts differ from image?
- d) What is the view of truth as correspondence?
- e) What is the view of truth as Coherence?
- f) Distinguish between Truth and belief.

4. Long type questions (300 words)

- a) What is Concept? Explain.
- b) What is truth? Examine correspondence theory of truth?
- c) What is truth? Examine truth as what it works?