

**PHILOSOPHY QUESTION BANK**  
**WESTERN CLASSICS – MEDITATIONS OF RENE DESCARTES**  
**CC- XI**

**Unit - 1**

**1. Fill up the blanks**

- a) Descartes' cogito ergo sum means .....
- b) Descartes' doubt is called ..... doubt.
- c) Descartes' notion of mind – body relation is known as .....
- d) Descartes is a ..... philosopher.
- e) Descartes wavers between interactionism which he seems to suggest and parallelism which follows logically from his .....
- f) Descartes believes that there are real material bodies is based on .....
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- h) According to Descartes, if we want to know definitely about the particular material bodies, then we can know .....
- i) ..... is the seat of the soul according to Descartes.
- j) Descartes suggests that the bodily affection moves the subtle animal spirits in the nerves and the movement of the animal spirits through .....
- k) ..... is the only undivided portion of the brain according to Descartes.
- l) The term ..... is mainly used for mind-body relation theory by Descartes.
- m) ..... is called the father of modern philosophy.
- n) Descartes discussed mind- body relation relationship in his book .....
- o) Descartes divides the mental qualities into the two attributes of .....

**2. Short Type of Question (One or Two Sentences Only)**

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- b) What is Descartes' Method?
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**4. Long Type Questions (300 words)**

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- b) Discuss Descartes' Wax Argument?
- c) Discuss Descartes' view on Sum-res-cogitans.

**Unit - 2**

**1. Fill up the blanks**

- a) Descartes believes in clear and ..... perception.
- b) Descartes gives two proofs for the existence of God such as ..... and .....
- c) Descartes' causal argument has ..... forms.
- d) Descartes' Ontological argument consists in proving the existence of God from the very ..... of God.
- e) Descartes believes in three types of ideas such as ....., ..... and .....
- f) The idea of God is an ..... idea according to Descartes.
- g) The adventitious idea refers to the idea of .....
- h) The fictitious idea refers to the idea of .....

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- a) What is causal argument?
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- a) Discuss Descartes' Causal Argument for the existence of God.
- b) Discuss Descartes' Ontological Argument for the existence of God.
- c) Discuss Descartes' innate Idea as distinct from other forms of ideas.
- d) Discuss Descartes' view on clear and distinct ideas.

## Unit - 3

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- b) According to Descartes 'will' is .....
- c) According to Descartes 'intellect' is .....
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- a) Discuss how does Descartes prove that God I no deceiver.
- b) Discuss Descartes' notion of Truth and Error.
- c) Discuss Descartes notion of the essence of the material things.
- d) Discuss the Descartes' notion of the existence of God.
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- a) Discuss Descartes' Mind – body Relation.
- b) Discuss Descartes distinction between primary quality and secondary quality.
- c) Discuss Descartes theory of interactionism.
- d) Discuss Descartes as a dualist.