

## Course outline

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# Assignment 1

The due date for submitting this assignment has passed.

**Due on 2021-02-03, 23:59 IST.**

As per our records you have not submitted this assignment.

1) Ontology addresses the question

1 point

- (a) What counts as knowledge?  
 (b) What is being or what is existing?  
 (c) How is knowledge produced?  
 (d) All of the above

**No, the answer is incorrect.**  
Score: 0

**Accepted Answers:**

*(b) What is being or what is existing?*

2) Experience is the basis of

1 point

- (a) Empiricism  
 (b) Rationalism  
 (c) Both (a) and (b)  
 (d) Neither (a) nor (b)

**No, the answer is incorrect.**  
Score: 0

**Accepted Answers:**

*(a) Empiricism*

3) What are the three sub-stages of Comte's theological stage?

1 point

- (a) Theological, Metaphysical and Positivistic  
 (b) Empiricism, Rationalism and Positivism  
 (c) Fetishism, Polytheism and Monotheism  
 (d) None of the above

**No, the answer is incorrect.**  
Score: 0

**Accepted Answers:**

*(c) Fetishism, Polytheism and Monotheism*

4) Reason is the basis of

1 point

- (a) Positivism  
 (b) Empiricism  
 (c) Both (a) and (b)  
 (d) Rationalism

**No, the answer is incorrect.**  
Score: 0

**Accepted Answers:**

*(d) Rationalism*

5) Methodological monism is a feature of

1 point

- (a) Positivism  
 (b) Empiricism  
 (c) Rationalism  
 (d) Metaphysics

**No, the answer is incorrect.**  
Score: 0

**Accepted Answers:**

*(a) Positivism*

6) Positivism postulates that

1 point

- (a) Theory precedes observation  
 (b) Observation precedes theory  
 (c) Science is not objective  
 (d) Science is value-laden

**No, the answer is incorrect.**  
Score: 0

**Accepted Answers:**

*(b) Observation precedes theory*

7) Francis Bacon propounded

1 point

- (a) Empiricism  
 (b) Rationalism  
 (c) Both (a) and (b)  
 (d) Neither (a) nor (b)

**No, the answer is incorrect.**  
Score: 0

**Accepted Answers:**

*(a) Empiricism*

8) Rene Descartes propounded

1 point

- (a) Empiricism  
 (b) Rationalism  
 (c) Both (a) and (b)  
 (d) Neither (a) nor (b)

**No, the answer is incorrect.**  
Score: 0

**Accepted Answers:**

*(b) Rationalism*

9) Epistemology addresses the question

1 point

- (a) What is good or bad?  
 (b) What is right or wrong?  
 (c) What is knowledge?  
 (d) What is being or what is existing

**No, the answer is incorrect.**  
Score: 0

**Accepted Answers:**

*(c) What is knowledge?*

10) Who is the author of The Course in Positive Philosophy?

1 point

- (a) Auguste Comte  
 (b) Rene Descartes  
 (c) Francis Bacon  
 (d) None of the above

**No, the answer is incorrect.**  
Score: 0

**Accepted Answers:**

*(a) Auguste Comte*