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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please answer all the questions.
2. Number your answers correctly.
3. Please write neatly and legibly.

1. Distinguish between the traditional and modern metaphysics. (4)
2. How does Kant's concept of metaphysics fit in the history of metaphysics? (2)
3. How does Kant define metaphysics? (2)
4. What is the goal of Kantian metaphysics as set out in the *Critique of Pure Reason*? (2)
5. What are Kant's three major questions? (3)
6. What were Kant's major works (except for *Critique of Pure reason*), and which questions did he address in these works? (2)
7. Kant's philosophy is called critical. Why? (3)
8. Explain why Kant's critical philosophy is also called a transcendental philosophy. (5)
9. How does Kant's philosophy respond to empiricism and rationalism? (6)
10. Why is Kant's philosophy ultimately metaphysical? (2)
11. In his *Critique of Pure Reason* Kant makes a distinction between empirical and pure knowledge? Explain. (6)
12. What are the features of pure knowledge, according to Kant. (4)
13. Kant distinguishes between analytic and synthetic judgments? Explain by means of examples. (6)
14. What are synthetic a priori judgments? Illustrate your answer with reference to mathematical and scientific statements. (10)
15. Why are all metaphysical judgments synthetic a priori judgments? (2)
16. Kant identifies two major sources of knowledge: sensibility and understanding. Explain briefly their relation and functions. (4)
17. What parts of the *Critique of Pure Reason* are respectively dedicated to sensibility and understanding? (2)
18. Explain briefly the relation Kant sees between objects, sensations, intuitions, concepts. (8)
19. What is the difference between empirical and pure intuitions? (4)
20. Explain how our sense of space and time makes sensory experience possible. Refer in your answer to the properties of both space and time, according to Kant. (8)
21. Explain Kant's conception of understanding. Answer by discussing his metaphysical and transcendental proof (deduction) of the existence and need of pure concepts of understanding. (15)