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Course Name: Thinking and Knowing in Human Sciences

Course Code: HS201

Semester Name: Spring 2025

Mid-Semester Exam

Duration: 90 minutes

Max. Marks: 30

Date: 25/02/2025

Answers the following in 250 words each (5x2=10)

1. Explain the difference between analytical and synthetic judgments with examples. Are synthetic a-priori judgments possible based on Hume's philosophy?
2. Elaborate the mind-body dualism in Descartes. Do you think that the cogito principle (I think therefore I am) can be replaced with the statement 'I walk therefore I am'?

Answer the following in the 500 words each (10x2=20)

1. Elaborate on the difference between natural sciences and human sciences based on the following:
 - a) Physical vs meaningful phenomena
 - b) Meaningful vs lawful phenomena
 - c) Objective reality vs objective knowledge
 - d) Social constructions as objective reality
2. Explain the phenomenological fallacy explained by U. T Place in the paper 'Is Consciousness a brain process'. Critically examine the distinction made by Place between the 'is' of definition and 'is' of composition.