Philosophical Aspects of Artificial Intelligence

Topics covered -

- 1. Introduction: What is AI, Foundations of AI & AI Application Areas.
- 2. Weak & Strong AI: Can Machines Act Intelligently? Can Machines Really Think?
- 3. AI: Current Issues and Future Directions
- 4. Ethics & Risks of Developing AI
- 5. Men and Machines: Cybernetics, The Identity of the Person: Cyber Men, The Ultimate Difference: Emotion and Faith.

Question types -

- 1. Cite the four kinds of definitions of AI.
- 2. Explain the definition of AI as 'acting humanly'.
- 3. Describe AI as rational agent approach.
- 4. Briefly outline the philosophical questions that are concerned with AI.
- 5. Briefly discuss the major applications of AI.
- 6. What is turing test? Why it is a common topic in AI?
- 7. What is 'weak AI'? Discuss the argument from disability?
- 8. Is strong AI supportable on basis of the argument from informality?
- 9. Can machines really think? Give arguments against it?
- 10. Distinguish weak AI from strong AI.
- 11. Explain 'brain in a vat' as a thought experiment.

- 12. Discuss Moravec-Searle debate on the brain prosthesis experiment.
- 13. Portrait the Chinese room thought experiment of John Searle.
- 14. What are the socio-ethical problems of developing AI.
- 15. Does the concept of 'cyber men' is very much like the ancient slavery system? Giver your opinion concerning the identity of the person.
- 16. What are the 3 laws given for the robots? According to the science fiction movie ' I Robot' show the rational outcomes of these laws?
- 17. What makes 'men' men? Show the ultimate difference between men and machines.