

**M.A. PHILOSOPHY (MAPY)**

**Term-End Examination**

**December, 2012**

**MPY-002 : WESTERN PHILOSOPHY**

*Time : 3 hours*

*Maximum Marks : 100*

- Note :*
- (i) *Answer all the five questions*
  - (ii) *All the questions carry equal marks*
  - (iii) *Answers to question No.1 and 2 should be in about 500 words each.*

1. Define philosophy. Briefly describe different branches of philosophy and the main issues discussed in each of them. 20

**OR**

Define empiricism in detail. Analyse the critique of Cartesian theory of innate ideas by the empiricist philosopher. 20

2. Explain in detail Augustine's concept of God and man and discuss, how he looked at the problem of evil? 20

**OR**

Discuss in detail the general characteristics of Existentialist philosophy. What are the important themes discussed in existentialism? 20

3. Answer **any two** of the following in about **250 words** each.
- (a) Make an analysis of the major philosophical concerns of the atomists. 10
  - (b) Write a short essay on the moral philosophy of Kant. 10
  - (c) Briefly explain the general methods used in western philosophy. 10
  - (d) Explain the general characteristics of feminist thought. 10
4. Answer **any four** of the following in about **150 words** each.
- (a) State the characteristics of medieval Jewish Philosophy.? 5
  - (b) Briefly explain Marxian critique of religion. 5
  - (c) Write a note on Nietzsche's criticism of morality. 5
  - (d) Describe the Tool-use Model of language. 5
  - (e) What are the main characteristics of post-modernism ? 5
  - (f) Describe the dialectical method of Socrates. 5
5. Write short notes on **any five** of the following in about **100 words** each.
- (a) Family Resemblance 4
  - (b) Eidetic Reduction. 4
  - (c) Super man. 4
  - (d) A priori and a posteriori 4
  - (e) Linguistic turn in philosophy. 4
  - (f) Factitious Ideas 4
  - (g) Renaissance 4
  - (h) Teleology. 4
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