

M.A. PHILOSOPHY (MAPY)

Term-End Examination

December, 2015

MPY-002 : WESTERN PHILOSOPHY

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

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

1. Describe the salient features of Western Philosophy. 20
- OR**
- Explain Existentialism. Discuss its main characteristics and important themes. 20
2. Write an essay on the Aristotelian metaphysics. 20
- OR**
- Explain the rationalism of Rene Descartes. 20
3. Answer **any two** of the following in about 250 words each :
- (a) What are the Epistemological issues discussed in Western Philosophy ? Explain. 10
- (b) Explain Nietzsche's philosophy of god and nihilism. 10
- (c) Discuss ethical understandings in the philosophy of Aquinas. 10
- (d) Elaborate socratic educational philosophy. 10

4. Answer **any four** of the following in about **150** words each :
- (a) What are the characteristics of Jewish Philosophy ? 5
 - (b) Briefly explain 'intentionality' in the philosophy of Husserl. 5
 - (c) What do you understand by knowledge by acquaintance and description ? 5
 - (d) Describe Hume's distinction between impressions and ideas. 5
 - (e) Explain Synthetic Apriori judgement. 5
 - (f) What is Parallelism ? 5
5. Write short notes on **any five** of the following in about **100** words each :
- (a) Scholasticism. 4
 - (b) The Sophists. 4
 - (c) Evil in Augustine. 4
 - (d) Methodic Doubt of Descartes. 4
 - (e) God in process philosophy. 4
 - (f) Hermeneutics. 4
 - (g) Feminism. 4
 - (h) Correspondence theory of truth. 4
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