

M.A. PHILOSOPHY (MAPY)

Term-End Examination

December, 2016

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 major divisions of Western Philosophy and justify the division. 20

OR

Analyse the importance of Aristotlean metaphysics in the history of Western Philosophy. 20

2. What is rationalism ? Explain the philosophical methods used by Descartes. 20

OR

Describe the general features of feminism. 20

3. Answer **any two** of the following in about 250 words each :
- (a) Explain Thomas Aquinas' view on the relation between faith and reason. 10
- (b) Examine the importance of synthetic a priori proposition in the philosophy of Kant. 10

- (c) What is Pragmatism ? Illustrate the important themes described by the pragmatist philosophers. 10
- (d) What are the major themes in existentialism ? Discuss. 10
4. Answer **any four** of the following in about **150** words each :
- (a) What is Being according to Parmenides ? 5
- (b) Explain the uniqueness of Socratic teaching method. 5
- (c) Describe the skepticism of Hume. 5
- (d) Describe Hegel's dialectic method. 5
- (e) What was Nietzsche's take on the Christian morality ? 5
- (f) What is the picture theory of meaning ? 5
5. Write short notes on **any five** of the following in about **100** words each :
- (a) Pythagorean brotherhood 4
- (b) The world of Forms 4
- (c) Divine illumination 4
- (d) Mutazilism 4
- (e) Empiricism 4
- (f) Categorical imperative 4
- (g) Economic alienation 4
- (h) Bracketing (epoche) 4
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