M.A. PHILOSOPHY (MAPY)

Term-End Examination

December, 2017

MPY-002 : WESTERN PHILOSOPHY

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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. Explain Aristotelean metaphysics and examine its importance in Western Philosophy. **20**

   OR

   Critically evaluate the philosophy of God according to St. Thomas Aquinas . **20**

2. Illustrate the major characteristics of Modern Western Philosophy. **20**

   OR

   Explain the philosophy of Alfred North Whitehead. **20**

3. Answer **any two** of the following in about 250 words each :

   (a) Define Hermeneutics. Describe some important themes within hermeneutics. **10**

   (b) What is phenomenology ? Describe phenomenological method. **10**

   (c) Critically examine the Kantian claim of synthetic-apriori judgement. **10**

   (d) Exaplain Plato's dualism. **10**

4. Answer **any four** of the following in about **150** words each :
   (a) How did Sophists provoke Socrates ?   5
   (b) What are the unique teachings of   5
       Heraditus ?
   (c) Briefly explain the problem of evil according   5
       to St. Augustine.
   (d) How does Hegel equate reason with   5
       reality ?
   (e) What is alienation according to Marx ?   5
   (f) Enumerate the major characteristics of   5
       existentialism.

5. Write short notes on **any five** of the following in
   about **100** words each :
   (a) Renaissance   4
   (b) Eleatic School   4
   (c) Dialectical method of Socrates   4
   (d) Mutazilism   4
   (e) Rationalism   4
   (f) Pragmatism   4
   (g) Nietzsche's concept of Death of God   4
   (h) Jacques Derrida   4

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