

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

**Term-End Examination**

02445

**December, 2019**

**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 questions no. 1 and 2 should be in about 500 words each.*

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1. Why do thinkers consider that Aristotle brought metaphysics down to Earth in contrast to the Platonic metaphysics ? Discuss. 20

**OR**

- What are the essential features of the Process Philosophy of Whitehead ? Explain. 20
2. Explain the characteristics of rationalism. How did empiricism react to it ? 20

**OR**

- Substantiate the general characteristics of existentialism with suitable themes in detail. 20

3. Answer any **two** of the following questions in about 250 words each :
- (a) Evaluate the importance of Socratic method for philosophy and education. 10
  - (b) Explain the philosophy of God according to Thomas Aquinas. 10
  - (c) Critically examine the unique contribution of Hegel to philosophy. 10
  - (d) What are the significant contributions of hermeneutics and post-modernism ? 10
4. Answer any **four** of the following questions in about 150 words each :
- (a) Briefly describe the philosophy of Parmenides. 5
  - (b) How did Augustine perceive evil ? 5
  - (c) What are the postulates of categorical imperatives ? 5
  - (d) What did Nietzsche mean by 'Death of God' ? 5
  - (e) Describe the picture theory of meaning. 5
  - (f) What is feminism ? 5

5. Write short notes on any *five* of the following in about 100 words each :

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| (a) Epicurean Ethics      | 4 |
| (b) The Sophists          | 4 |
| (c) Mu'tazilism           | 4 |
| (d) Phenomena and Noumena | 4 |
| (e) Natura Naturata       | 4 |
| (f) Oedipus Complex       | 4 |
| (g) Bracketing (Epoché)   | 4 |
| (h) Pragmatism            | 4 |
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