

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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