

M.A. PHILOSOPHY (MAPY)

Term-End Examination

February, 2021

MPY-002 : WESTERN PHILOSOPHY

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : Answer all the **five** questions. All questions carry equal marks. Answers to questions no. **1** and **2** should not exceed 500 words each.

1. Why did some scholars claim that Aristotle brought philosophy down to earth ? Discuss. 20

OR

Examine Thomas Aquinas' Five Ways for proving the existence of God by demonstrating the strength and weakness of each argument. 20

2. Examine the rationalism of Descartes and present the empirical criticism of rationalism. 20

OR

What are the characteristics of existentialism ? How was it a reaction against previous philosophies ? 20

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

- (a) Examine the features of pragmatism and bring out their importance. 10
- (b) What were the major developments that happened in the philosophy of language with the publication of “Philosophical Investigations” ? 10
- (c) Explain the philosophical significance of the dialectical method of Hegel. 10
- (d) Thoroughly describe the Socratic method with suitable examples. 10

4. Answer any **four** of the following in about 150 words each :

- (a) What was the fundamental principle according to the Pythagoreans ? 5
- (b) Describe the purpose of the ‘Allegory of the Cave’. 5
- (c) Why did Don Scotus argue for the Unicity of God ? 5
- (d) What do you mean by Cartesian dualism ? 5
- (e) What does Kant mean by duty ? 5
- (f) Describe the meaning of intentionality of consciousness. 5

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

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| (a) | Ecofeminism | 4 |
| (b) | Postmodernism | 4 |
| (c) | Super Human | 4 |
| (d) | Oedipus Complex | 4 |
| (e) | Averroes | 4 |
| (f) | Theory of Emanation | 4 |
| (g) | Intellectual Virtue | 4 |
| (h) | Sophists | 4 |
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