

**M.A. PHILOSOPHY**

**Term-End Examination**

**June, 2012**

**MPY-002 : WESTERN PHILOSOPHY**

*Time : 3 hours*

*Maximum Marks : 100*

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- 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.*
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1. Define Metaphysics and Epistemology. Explain in detail the main issues discussed in each of them. 20

**OR**

- Analyse Aquinas' philosophy of human soul and God. Discuss the various proofs that he offers for the existence of God. 20

2. Explain Kant's method of enquiry and write a detailed note on Kant's philosophy of knowledge. 20

**OR**

- Discuss in detail the motion of fundamental reality in whitehead. How does he explain God in his metaphysics of becoming ? 20

3. Answer *any two* of the following in about 250 words each.
- (a) Explain briefly the philosophical insights of Pythagoras. 10
  - (b) How empiricists attacks upon Descartes theory of innate ideas ? Discuss. 10
  - (c) Explain the Hegelian 'Philosophy of Spirit'. 10
  - (d) Discuss the primary themes of philosophical hermeneutics. 10
4. Answer *any four* of the following in about 150 words each.
- (a) Describe AL - Ghazali's critique of philosophy. 5
  - (b) What is economic alienation ? 5
  - (c) Write a brief note on the problem of mind - body dualism. 5
  - (d) Explain briefly the picture theory of meaning. 5
  - (e) What do you understand by Bracketing (Epoche) ? 5
5. Write short notes on *any five* of the following in about 100 words each.
- (a) Will - to - power 4
  - (b) Private language 4
  - (c) Neo - platonism 4
  - (d) Intersubjectivity 4
  - (e) Innate Ideas 4
  - (f) Scholasticism 4
  - (g) Revelation 4
  - (h) Deduction 4