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M.A. PHILOSOPHY (MAPY)

Term-End Examination

June, 2014

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 question No.1 and 2 should be in about 500 words each.*

1. Explain the main characteristics of Western Philosophy. 20

OR

Critically evaluate "doubt" as methodological scepticism in the philosophy of Rene Descartes. 20

2. Give a detailed account of Hegel's dialectical method. Explain how he uses this method in his philosophy. 20

OR

What is existentialism ? What are its important themes ? Explain in detail. 20

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

(a) Describe different kinds of Feminism. 10

(b) Briefly state the two world theory of Plato. 10

- (c) Write a note on St. Aquinas' philosophy of God. 10
- (d) Discuss language-games according to Wittgenstein. 10
4. Answer **any four** of the following in about **150 words** each.
- (a) Distinguish between Atomists and Pluralists. 5
- (b) Briefly explain synthetic a priori judgements. 5
- (c) Distinguish between knowledge by acquaintance and knowledge by description. 5
- (d) Briefly describe the notion of Alienation according to Karl Marx. 5
- (e) Differentiate between Actuality and Potentiality according to Aristotle. 5
- (f) Write Hume's views on the limitation of knowledge. 5
5. Write short notes on **any five** of the following in about **100 words** each :
- (a) Super human 4
- (b) Monism 4
- (c) Categorical Imperative 4
- (d) Faith and Reason 4
- (e) Wittgenstein's Silence 4
- (f) Innate Ideas 4
- (g) Prime Matter 4
- (h) Tabula Rasa 4
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