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M.A. PHILOSOPHY (MAPY)

Term-End Examination

June, 2017

MPY-002 : WESTERN PHILOSOPHY

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

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- Note :**
- (i) *Answer all 5 (five) questions.*
 - (ii) *All questions carry equal marks.*
 - (iii) *Answer to question no. 1 and 2 should be in about 500 words each.*
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1. Explain the major characteristics of Western Philosophy. 20

OR

Compare Aristotlean metaphysics with that of Plato. 20

2. What is rationalism ? Examine the importance of the method of enquiry developed by Descartes. 20

OR

What is existentialism ? Describe the general characteristics and the themes of existentialism. 20

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

(a) What are the major teachings of Socrates ? 10

(b) Examine the importance of the discussion on faith and reason in the Medieval Philosophy. 10

- (c) Explain the philosophy of knowledge according to Kant. 10
- (d) Evaluate the intellectual developments in the Philosophy of language. 10
4. Answer **any four** of the following in about **150 words** each :
- (a) Describe the philosophy of Parmenides. 5
- (b) Write briefly on the philosophical system of Avicenna. 5
- (c) What is association of ideas ? 5
- (d) Illustrate briefly the dialectic method of Hegel. 5
- (e) What is the pragmatic theory of truth ? 5
- (f) Write briefly on the phenomenological method. 5
5. Write short notes on **any five** of the following in about **100 words** each :
- (a) Number theory of reality 4
- (b) The Republic 4
- (c) Seminal potentiality 4
- (d) Maimonides 4
- (e) Jalrila rasa 4
- (f) Categorical imperative 4
- (g) Prehension 4
- (h) Michel Foucault 4
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