

**M.A. PHILOSOPHY (MAPY)**

**Term-End Examination**

**June, 2018**

**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.*

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1. Explain the main philosophical notions of Plato which have influenced the whole western philosophical world. 20
- OR**
- Analyse the philosophy of rationalism with reference to Descartes, Spinoza and Leibnitz. 20
2. How does John Locke refute the theory of innate ideas ? Bring out the salient features of Empiricism. 20
- OR**
- Explain the basic tenets of existentialism. 20
3. Answer any two of the following in about 250 words each.
- (a) Examine the synthetic Apriori Judgement of Immanuel Kant. 10
- (b) Explain Descartes' method of doubting in detail. 10

- (c) Discuss Hegel's philosophy of Absolute Idealism. 10
- (d) Examine Nietzsche's claim of the death of God and Nihilism. 10
4. Answer **any four** of the following in about **150** words each.
- (a) What is called as 'Socratic dialectic' ? 5
- (b) How does Aquinas differentiate faith from reason ? 5
- (c) What is the core philosophy of pragmatism ? 5
- (d) What is known as "Linguistic turn in philosophy" ? 5
- (e) Write a brief note on Phenomenology. 5
- (f) Describe some general characteristics of feminism. 5
5. Write short notes on **any five** of the following in about **100** words each :
- (a) Zeno's paradox 4
- (b) Problem of Evil 4
- (c) Maimonides' doctrine on God 4
- (d) Tabula rasa 4
- (e) Categorical Imperative 4
- (f) Deconstruction 4
- (g) Language game 4
- (h) Hermeneutics 4
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