

M.A. PHILOSOPHY (MAPY)

Term-End Examination

June, 2019

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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 questions no. 1 and 2 should be in about 500 words each.*

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1. What are the important contributions of Socrates to the history and development of Western philosophy? Explain. 20

OR

Examine the link between Plato's *Metaphysics* and *Political Philosophy*. 20

2. Bring out the Aristotelian philosophical themes in Thomas Aquinas and examine their importance. 20

OR

What is dialectic method? Explain its influence on the philosophers after Hegel. 20

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

- (a) Critically evaluate the importance of *synthetic-a-priori* judgements. 10
- (b) What is pragmatism ? What are the major teachings of pragmatic philosophy ? 10
- (c) Evaluate the impact of existentialism on human nature and relationship. 10
- (d) How did rationalists of modern philosophy differ from one another on the concept of mind-body dualism ? 10

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

- (a) What is skepticism ? 5
- (b) Describe the concept of 'logos' according to Heraclitus. 5
- (c) What are the fundamental philosophical ideas of Pythagoreans ? 5
- (d) Describe the theory of divine illumination. 5
- (e) What are the three laws of association of ideas according to Hume ? 5
- (f) Write briefly on wave feminists. 5

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

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| (a) Hermeneutics | 4 |
| (b) Intentionality | 4 |
| (c) Language-game | 4 |
| (d) The Will to Power | 4 |
| (e) Averroes | 4 |
| (f) Act and Potency | 4 |
| (g) Intersubjectivity | 4 |
| (h) Economic Alienation | 4 |
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