

M.A. PHILOSOPHY (MAPY)

Term-End Examination

MPY-002 : WESTERN PHILOSOPHY

Time : 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 100

Note: Answer all five questions. All questions carry equal marks. Answer to question No. 1 and 2 should be in about 500 words each.

1. Explain the main concepts in the philosophy of Plato and examine their influence on Western Philosophy. 20

Or

What are the major themes in Aristotle's metaphysics? Bring out their importance in later philosophy. 20

2. How did Kant develop a critical philosophy of knowledge as a synthesis of Rationalism and Empiricism? 20

Or

Critically evaluate and compare Wittgenstein's earlier philosophy of language with his later thoughts. 20

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

(a) What are the important characteristics of Western Philosophy? Discuss. 10

(b) Establish the relation of existentialist themes with the context of the origin of existentialism. 10

(c) Explain the philosophy of organism as formulated by Whitehead. 10

(d) Examine the discussion on faith and reason by the Medieval philosophers. 10

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

(a) What is the understanding of Parmenides on Being? 5

(b) What was the Socratic method of interrogation? 5

- (c) How did Locke refute the theory of innate ideas? 5
- (d) What are the primary themes of postmodernism? 5
- (e) What is the problem of evil according to St. Augustine? 5
- (f) Describe the Marxian concept of alienation. 5

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

- (a) Pragmatism 4
- (b) The will to power 4
- (c) Summa Theologica 4
- (d) Mutazilism 4
- (e) Feminism 4
- (f) The hermeneutical circle 4
- (g) Methodological skepticism 4
- (h) Absolute idealism 4