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

**Term-End Examination**

**June, 2021**

**MPY-002 : WESTERN PHILOSOPHY**

*Time : 3 Hours*

*Maximum Marks : 100*

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**Note :** (i) *Answer all the 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 major characteristics of Western Philosophy. 20

*Or*

Critically evaluate the philosophy of Plato from the philosophical perspectives of Aristotle.

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2. Examine the reasons for considering the philosophy of St. Thomas Aquinas as the philosophical foundations of the doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church. 20

*Or*

Assess the strength and weakness of Kant's philosophy of knowledge compared to the rationalism and empiricism of his predecessors.

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

(a) What is Pragmatism ? Explain the new approach and innovative insights of pragmatism. 10

(b) What are the major claims of early Wittgenstein ? What are the major shifts he made in the philosophical investigations from his earlier position ? 10

(c) Illustrate the general characteristics of existentialism with the important themes in it. 10

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- (d) Explain the importance of Socrates to the world philosophy. 10
4. Answer any *four* of the following questions in about **150** words each :
- (a) Describe the epistemological issues that are prominent in Western Philosophy. 5
- (b) What is the major contribution of Parmenides to Philosophy? 5
- (c) How did Augustine explain the problem of evil? 5
- (d) Briefly explain the dialectic method of Hegel. 5
- (e) Elucidate the theory of concrescence as nutshell of the Whitehead's philosophy of organism. 5
- (f) What is meant by intentionality of consciousness? 5
5. Write short notes on any *five* of the following in about **100** words each :
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- (b) Form and Matter 4
- (c) Faith and Reason 4
- (d) Avicenna 4
- (e) Innate Ideas 4
- (f) Economic Alienation 4
- (g) The will to power 4
- (h) Ecofeminism 4

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