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M. A. (PHILOSOPHY) (MAPY)

Term-End Examination

June, 2021

MPY-002 : WESTERN PHILOSOPHY

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

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.*

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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