

M.A. PHILOSOPHY (MAPY)

Term-End Examination

June, 2022

MPY-002 : WESTERN PHILOSOPHY

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

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

1. Explain the metaphysical and epistemological teachings of Plato and examine their influence on later Western Philosophy. 20

OR

Compare different discussions on faith and reason among Medieval philosophers. 20

2. What is Rationalism ? Demonstrate its method and examine its advantages and limitations. 20

OR

Critically evaluate the philosophical position of Tractatus Logico – Philosophicus and examine the innovative difference and contribution of Philosophical Investigations. 20

3. Answer any **two** of the following questions in about 250 words each :
- (a) Evaluate the influence of Socrates' life and philosophy on the later philosophies. 10
 - (b) Critically examine the arguments given by Aquinas to prove the existence of God. 10
 - (c) Explain the organic theory of Truth and Reality according to Hegel. 10
 - (d) Elucidate the important themes in Existentialism. 10
4. Answer any **four** of the following questions in about 150 words each :
- (a) Describe the important features of Enlightenment. 5
 - (b) What are the philosophical insights of the Sophists ? 5
 - (c) Explain Aristotle's concept on the relation between form and matter. 5
 - (d) How did Augustine interpret the concept of evil ? 5
 - (e) Show the difference between the noumena and phenomena according to Kant. 5
 - (f) Describe the concept of alienation according to Marx. 5

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

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| (a) | The Will to Power | 4 |
| (b) | Pragmatism | 4 |
| (c) | Bracketing (Epoche) | 4 |
| (d) | Postmodernism | 4 |
| (e) | Categorical Imperative | 4 |
| (f) | Psychological Laws of Association of Ideas | 4 |
| (g) | Al-Ghazali (Algazel) | 4 |
| (h) | Democritus | 4 |
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