

M. A. (PHILOSOPHY) (MAPY)
Term-End Examination
June, 2023
MPY-002 : WESTERN PHILOSOPHY

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : (i) Answer all the **five** questions.

(ii) All questions carry equal marks.

(iii) Answer to Question No. 1 and 2 should be in about **500** words each.

1. Compare Aristotle's metaphysics with that of Plato and assess their merits. 20

Or

Compare rationalism with empiricism and identify their contribution to modern philosophy and science.

2. What is existentialism ? Show its relation with humanism. 20

Or

Examine Wittgenstein's contribution and influence on language philosophy.

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

- (a) Analyze the importance of Socrates as a world philosopher. 10

- (b) Explain the transcendental philosophy of Kant. 10
- (c) Assess St. Thomas Aquinas' arguments for God's existence. 10
- (d) Explain the major features of pragmatism. Can we treat it as philosophy ? 10
4. Answer any **four** of the following questions in about **150** words each :
- (a) Describe the philosophy of Heraclitus. 5
- (b) What is substance according of Spinoza ? 5
- (c) How did Hume's empiricism and in skepticism ?
- (d) Explain problem of evil according to St. Augustine. 5
- (e) What is phenomenology ? 5
- (f) Define dialectical materialism. 5
5. Write short notes on any **five** of the following in about **100** words each :
- (a) 'Main is the measure of all things.' 4
- (b) Mutazilism 4
- (c) Tabula Rasa 4
- (d) Dialectical idealism 4
- (e) Feminism 4
- (f) Deconstruction 4
- (g) The will to power 4
- (h) Hermeneutics 4