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M.A. PHILOSOPHY (MAPY)

Term-End Examination

June, 2015

MPY-002 : WESTERN PHILOSOPHY

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

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- Note :** (i) *Answer all 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. Discuss the philosophy of Plato highlighting his theories of dualism, goodness and truth. **20**
- OR**
- Explain in detail the Moral Philosophy of Immanuel Kant. **20**
2. Describe the salient features of Marx's philosophy. **20**
- OR**
- Explain the nature of Process Philosophy as presented by A.N. Whitehead. **20**
3. Answer **any two** of the following in about **250** words each :
- (a) Describe the dialectical method of Socrates. **10**
- (b) Explain the philosophy of God in Aquinas. **10**
- (c) Give an account of Islamic philosophy. **10**
- (d) Explain Hegel's philosophy of spirit. **10**

4. Answer **any four** of the following in about **150** words each :
- (a) What is prime matter in the philosophy of Aristotle ? 5
 - (b) Describe Leibniz's idea of pre-established harmony. 5
 - (c) Briefly explain the phenomenological method used in Western Philosophy. 5
 - (d) Describe the rationalism of Eleatics. 5
 - (e) What is the methodological skepticism of Descartes ? 5
 - (f) Which are the general characteristics of Existentialism ? 5
5. Write short notes on **any five** of the following in about **100** words each :
- (a) 'Allegory of the cave'. 4
 - (b) Faith and Reason 4
 - (c) Nietzsche's will to power 4
 - (d) Epistemology 4
 - (e) The scholastic method 4
 - (f) Postmodernism 4
 - (g) Cultural feminism 4
 - (h) Hermeneutics 4
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