

M.A. PHILOSOPHY (MAPY)

Term-End Examination

December, 2013

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. Give an account of the various contemporary schools of thought in Western Philosophy. 20

OR

How does Aquinas relate God and human soul in his philosophy ? Discuss various proofs for the existence of God offered by Aquinas. 20

2. Is synthetic Apriori Judgements possible ? Explain in the light of Kantian method of knowledge. 20

OR

How does Wittgenstein change his position from the *Tractatus* to the *Investigations* ? Explain. 20

3. Answer **any two** of the following in about 250 words each :
- (a) Explain the methodological scepticism of Descartes. 10
 - (b) Describe the construction of Platonian Epistemology through the allegory of cave. 10
 - (c) What is scientific Materialism ? Discuss White head's critique of materialism. 10
 - (d) How does Duns Scotus explain the unicity of God ? 10
4. Answer **any four** of the following in about 150 words each :
- (a) Describe Marx's Theory of alienation. 5
 - (b) Explain the Scholastic method. 5
 - (c) Explain the difference between Apriori and Aposteriori propositions. 5
 - (d) Describe the dialectrical method of Socrates. 5
 - (e) Describe "Esse est percipi". 5
 - (f) Explain briefly Al. Gazali's critique of philosophy. 5

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

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| (a) Epoche (Bracketing) | 4 |
| (b) Rationalism | 4 |
| (c) Moral Virtue | 4 |
| (d) Teleology | 4 |
| (e) Sense and Reference | 4 |
| (f) Pragmatism | 4 |
| (g) Phenomena | 4 |
| (h) Eco - feminism | 4 |
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