

**M.A. PHILOSOPHY (MAPY)**

**Term-End Examination**

**December, 2021**

**MPY-002 : WESTERN PHILOSOPHY**

*Time : 3 hours*

*Maximum Marks : 100*

**Note :** Answer all **five** questions. All questions carry equal marks. Answers to question nos. 1 and 2 should be in about 500 words each.

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1. Explain the metaphysics of Aristotle in comparison to that of Plato. 20

**OR**

Prove that the philosophical contribution of Hegel is a philosophical discipline in its own right. 20

2. Distinguish between rationalism and empiricism with examples from Descartes and Locke. 20

**OR**

What is existentialism ? Explain its general characteristics and common themes. 20

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

- (a) Examine the unique features of Process Philosophy of Whitehead. 10
- (b) Explain the importance of Socratic dialectical method. 10
- (c) Critically evaluate the different dimensions of the discussion on faith and reason among medieval thinkers. 10
- (d) Critically analyse the impact of pragmatism on philosophy, religion and education. 10

4. Answer any **four** of the following in about 150 words each :

- (a) Describe picture theory of meaning. 5
- (b) What is the meaning of 'Death of God' in the philosophy of Nietzsche ? 5
- (c) What are the main hermeneutical insights of Heidegger and Gadamer ? 5
- (d) What is skepticism ? 5
- (e) Explain the philosophical ideas of Heraclitus. 5
- (f) What is the meaning of the Unicity of God according to Scotus ? 5

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

- (a) The Renaissance 4
  - (b) Democritus 4
  - (c) Theory of Divine Illumination 4
  - (d) Al-Gazel 4
  - (e) Synthetic a Priori 4
  - (f) Dialectical Materialism 4
  - (g) Bracketing (Epoche) 4
  - (h) Feminism 4
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