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**MPY-002**

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

**Term-End Examination**

**December, 2022**

**MPY-002 : WESTERN PHILOSOPHY**

*Time : 3 Hours*

*Maximum Marks : 100*

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**Note :** *Answer all the **five** questions. All questions carry equal marks. Answer to Question Nos. 1 and 2 should be in about **500** words each.*

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1. Explain the major themes in Aristotlean metaphysics and evaluate their impact on the medieval western philosophy. 20

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Critically examine whether Kant was successful in synthesizing Rationalism with Empiricism.

2. Compare the approaches to human conditions by different existentialists and establish relative advantage of one over the other. 20

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Examine the major features and themes of process philosophy of Whitehead.

3. Answer any **two** of the following questions in about **250** words each :
  - (a) Prove Plato as one of the greatest philosophers of all times. 10
  - (b) Summarize the *five* ways to prove the existence of God according to St. Thomas Aquinas and examine the implied principles in the arguments. 10
  - (c) How did Locke refute the methods and assumptions of Rationalism ? 10
  - (d) Evaluate the philosophical dimensions of pragmatism. 10
  
4. Answer any **four** of the following questions in about **150** words each :
  - (a) Explain the unique features of the philosophy of Heraclitus. 5
  - (b) Describe the theory of divine illumination according to St. Augustine. 5

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- (c) Elaborate Don Scotus' argument for the  
unicity of God. 5
  - (d) Why do we consider Descartes as the  
father of Modern Philosophy ? 5
  - (e) Explain language-games. 5
  - (f) Describe the phenomenological concept of  
intentionality of consciousness. 5
5. Write short notes on any *five* of the following in  
about **100** words each :
- (a) Skepticism 4
  - (b) Hermeneutics 4
  - (c) The Socratic Irony 4
  - (d) Universal hylomorphism of Ibn Gabriol 4
  - (e) Mutazilism 4
  - (f) Dialectic method of Hegel 4
  - (g) Historical materialism 4
  - (h) Feminism 4

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