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MPY-002

M. A. (PHILOSOPHY) (MAPY)

Term-End Examination

December, 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) Answers to question nos. 1 and 2 should be in about **500** words each.

1. Elucidate the metaphysics of Plato. Show the relation between his metaphysics and politics.

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Identify the Aristotelean elements in the philosophy of St. Thomas Aquinas.

2. Why was Descartes called the father of Modern Philosophy ? Was he consistent with his method of enquiry ?

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What is Phenomenology ? Explain different concepts implied in phenomenological method.

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

- (a) Explain the philosophy of Socrates. 10
- (b) Examine the philosophical debate on faith and reason. 10
- (c) Explain Hegelian philosophy and show its influence on the continental philosophy. 10
- (d) Evaluate the philosophy of Whitehead. 10

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

- (a) How did Parmenides substantiate the concept of permanence ? 5
- (b) Explain the relation between act and potency. 5
- (c) What is synthetic a priori ? 5
- (d) Explain the skepticism of Hume. 5
- (d) Describe feminism. 5
- (f) Elucidate concept of freedom according to existentialism. 5

5. Write short notes on any *five* of the following in about **100** words each :
- (a) Post-modernism 4
 - (b) Superman 4
 - (c) Divine illumination 4
 - (d) Pragmatic theory of truth 4
 - (e) Maimonides 4
 - (f) Ordinary language philosophy 4
 - (g) Best of all possible worlds 4
 - (h) Heraclitus 4