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MPYE–008

M. A. (PHILOSOPHY) (MAPY)

Term-End Examination

December, 2023

MPYE-008 : METAPHYSICS

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

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

1. Give an account of judgment as the starting point of Metaphysics. 20

Or

Explain the notion of Brahman as presented by Śamkara's *advait vedānta*. 20

2. Compare and contrast Plato's notion of Forms with that of Aristotle. 20

Or

Give a critical account of arguments presented by Descartes to prove the existence of God. 20

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3. Answer any **two** of the following in about **250** words each :
- (a) Present an account of Absolute or Supreme Sprit as propounded by Sri Aurobindo. 10
 - (b) Explain how the notion of Potency plays out with reference to Evolution. 10
 - (c) Compare and contrast between essential (transcendental) and accidental (categorical or predicamental) kinds of real relation. 10
 - (d) Explain and examine the notion of Being as *tad ekam* (that one) as propounded in the Vedas and Upaniṣadas. 10
4. Answer any **four** the following in about **150** words each :
- (a) Give a detailed account of *Swadharma* and *Svabhāva* from the perspective of classical Indian Metaphysics. 5
 - (b) Present an account of Central Ideas in Jiddu Krishnamurti's philosophy. 5
 - (c) Explain the notion of Sāmānya (generality) according to Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika philosophy. 5
 - (d) Explain the notion of *abhāva* (non-being) according to Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika philosophy. 5

- (e) Give an account of different arguments for the notion of Free Will or Freedom to act according to one's own will. 5
- (f) Explain in brief the nature and scope of Metaphysics. 5
5. Write short notes on any *five* of the following in about **100** words each :
- (a) Pure Desire to Know as the Starting Point of Metaphysics as advocated by Bernard Lonergan. 4
- (b) Advaita Theory of *Vivartavāda*. 4
- (c) Principle of momentariness (kṣaṇikavāda) according to Buddhism. 4
- (d) *Sphotavāda* theory of meaning 4
- (e) The Principle of the Excluded Middle. 4
- (f) Buddhist notion of *apoha* (exclusion) 4
- (g) Parmenides notion of Being. 4
- (h) God according to Spinoza. 4