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M.A. PHILOSOPHY (MAPY)

Term-End Examination

June, 2016

MPY-002 : WESTERN PHILOSOPHY

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

- Note : (i) Answer all five questions.  
(ii) All questions carry equal marks.  
(iii) Answer to question no. 1 and 2 should be in about 500 words each.

1. Illustrate Plato's epistemology with the simile of the divided line and the allegory of the cave. 20

OR

Critically examine the arguments for God's existence by Thomas Aquinas. 20

2. What is Cartesian dualism? Why is it treated as a problem? 20

OR

What is existentialism? Explain the sources and characteristics of existentialism. 20

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

(a) Explain some of the major themes of pre-socratic philosophers. 10

(b) Describe the philosophy of Al-Gazali. 10

- (c) Explain briefly Kant's Philosophy of knowledge. 10
- (d) What are the characteristics of ordinary language philosophy? 10

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

- (a) Describe act and potency. 5
- (b) Bring out the uniqueness of the cosmology of Augustine. 5
- (c) Illustrate the laws of association of ideas. 5
- (d) What is dialectic method according to Hegel? 5
- (e) What is alienation according to Marx? 5
- (f) Explain the theory of concrescence. 5

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

- (a) Renaissance 4
- (b) The Sophists 4
- (c) Socratic ethics 4
- (d) The Unicity of God 4
- (e) Empiricism 4
- (f) Death of God and morality 4
- (g) Eidetic reduction 4
- (h) Postmodernism 4