

M. A. (PHILOSOPHY) (MAPY)

Term-End Examination

December, 2024

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. Discuss Kant's views on Epistemology. Analyse the importance of 'synthetic judgements apriori' according to Kant. 20

Or

Analyse the importance of Plato's metaphysics and epistemology with reference to innate ideas. 20

2. What is empiricism ? Explain with reference to the division between impressions and ideas. 20

Or

Analyse, what is Phenomenology. Examine the method of Phenomenology with reference to intentionality of consciousness. 20

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

(a) Give an account of Mind/Body Dualism of Descartes. 10

(b) Explain the central characteristics of existentialism. 10

(c) Examine Augustine's views on Cosmology. 10

(d) Examine why language cannot be private, by elaborating the critique of private language given by Wittgenstein. 10

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

(a) What is the meaning of essence of reality according to Husserl ? 5

(b) Explain the theory of concrescence according to Whitehead. 5

(c) Elaborate the Hermeneutical method. 5

- (d) Differentiate between knowledge by acquaintance and knowledge by description with the help of examples. 5
 - (e) Explain Hegel's 'Philosophy of Spirit' and 'Dialectic Method'. 5
 - (f) Examine *five* ways to prove the existence of God according to Thomas Aquinas. 5
5. Write short notes on any *five* of the following in about **100** words each :
- (a) Post-Modernism 4
 - (b) Scientific Materialism 4
 - (c) Feminism 4
 - (d) Scotus on Simplicity 4
 - (e) Sophists 4
 - (f) Plato on Justice 4
 - (g) Rule following 4
 - (h) Nietzsche's concept of Death of God 4

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