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MPY-002

M. A. (PHILOSOPHY)
(MAPY)
Term-End Examination
December, 2025

MPY-002 : WESTERN PHILOSOPHY

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : (i) *Attempt all the **five** questions.*

(ii) *All questions carry equal marks.*

(iii) *Answer to question nos. 1 and 2
should be in about **500** words each.*

1. Write an essay on Cogito Ergo Sum in the context of Descartes' philosophy. 20

Or

Elaborate Kant's philosophy of knowledge.
What are synthetic a priori judgments ?

2. Discuss Hegel's "The Phenomenology of Spirit" and the concept of absolute. Does Hegel equate reason and reality ? 20

Or

What are the features of God according to Aristotle ? Critically evaluate.

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

(a) Discuss Aristotle's *four* causes. 10

(b) Elaborate Spinoza's concept of substance. 10

(c) Explain core issues of post-modernism. 10

(d) Critically analyse the qualities of the Socratic teaching method. 10

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

(a) Criticism of Descartes' theory of Innate Ideas. 5

- (b) Distinguish between Knowledge by Acquaintance and Knowledge by Description. 5
- (c) Explain philosophical discourse of Al-Gazel. 5
- (d) Describe ontological proof for the existence of God. 5
- (e) What is the difference between faith and reason ? 5
- (f) Explain Socrates' Dialectic Method. 5
5. Write short notes on any *five* of the following in about **100** words each :
- (a) Philosophy of organism 4
- (b) Anaximander 4
- (c) Radical Feminism 4
- (d) Heraclitus 4
- (e) Dualism 4
- (f) Neo-Scholasticism 4
- (g) Nihilism 4
- (h) Gadamer 4

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