

M. A. (PHILOSOPHY)

(MAPY)

Term-End Examination

June, 2025

MPY-002 : WESTERN PHILOSOPHY

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. What is Phenomenology ? Explain and examine Husserl's method of Bracketing (Epoche). 20

Or

Define Existentialism. Elaborate on sources of Existentialism along with the general characteristics. 20

2. Discuss the metaphor of 'Allegory of the Cave' with reference to the divided line as discussed by Plato. 20

Or

Write an essay on Whitehead's concept of fundamental reality. 20

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

(a) Summarize primary themes within Hermeneutics. 10

(b) Explain John Dewey's Pragmatics. 10

- (c) Evaluate the concept of Actuality and Potentiality. 10
- (d) Write a note on categories of understanding given by Immanuel Kant. 10
4. Answer any *four* of the following questions in about **150** words each :
- (a) Explain the difference between Impressions and Ideas. 5
- (b) Describe the concepts of Noumena and Phenomena. 5
- (c) Elaborate on Post-Structuralism. 5
- (d) Briefly describe Nihilism, Scepticism and Relativism. 5
- (e) What is Sophism ? Explain. 5
- (f) What is the difference between first and second wave of feminism ? 5

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

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| (a) Pythagorean School | 4 |
| (b) Moral Virtue | 4 |
| (c) Relation of Ideas | 4 |
| (d) Gorgias | 4 |
| (e) Eco-Feminism | 4 |
| (f) Forms | 4 |
| (g) Dialectic Method | 4 |
| (h) Nietzsche's criticism of morality | 4 |

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