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MA DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, MAY 2024

First Semester

M.A. Philosophy

M23PH01DC – Western Philosophy I

(2023 July admissions)

Time: 3 Hours

Max Marks: 70

Section A

Answer any ten of the following questions in a word or sentence each. Each question carries 1 mark.

1. What is the fundamental substance of the universe according to Anaximander?
2. Who is considered as the founder of Eleatic school?
3. Who advocated the concept of 'unity of opposites' in Pre-Socratic philosophy?
4. Name the two important thinkers of Pre-Socratic philosophy who developed the atomic theory.
5. Who is the author of the work 'The Republic'?
6. Who held the dictum 'Man is the measure of all things.'?
7. What is meant by efficient cause according to Aristotle?
8. Define Pantheism.
9. Who is considered as the Father of Modern Western philosophy?
10. Name the famous work of Aquinas where he demonstrated the proofs for the existence of God.
11. Name the philosopher who propounded the statement 'Cogito ergo sum.'
12. Who advocated the theory of Psycho-Physical Parallelism?
13. Which was the theory upheld by Leibnitz for explaining the mind-body relation.
14. What is meant by the concept of 'Tabula rasa.'?
15. Name the philosopher whose foundational dictum was 'To be is to be perceived.'

(1X10=10)

Section B

Answer any five of the following questions in two or three sentences each. Each question carries 2 marks.

16. Who were the Ionians?
17. Write a short note on Skepticism.

18. What is meant by dualistic metaphysics according to Plato?
19. Distinguish between pluralistic and monistic views of reality.
20. Explain the primary category of being in the philosophy of Aristotle.
21. Differentiate between natural theology and divine theology.
22. Elucidate the three categories of evil according to St. Augustine.
23. Write a short note on the Method of Doubt in the philosophy of Descartes.
24. What is meant by modes in the philosophy of Spinoza?
25. Differentiate between simple and complex ideas according to Locke.

(2X5=10)

Section C

Answer any five of the following questions in a paragraph each. Each question carries 4 marks.

26. Discuss Hume's concept of morality and denial of self.
27. Briefly explain the subjective idealism in the philosophy of Berkeley.
28. Give an account of monadology in the philosophy of Leibnitz.
29. 'Spinoza considers the Love for God or Nature intellectually as the highest form of knowledge.' - Elucidate this statement.
30. Expound the theory of sin and problem of evil in the philosophy of Augustine.
31. Briefly explain the four causes according to Aristotle.
32. Discuss Plato's views on Dialectical method.
33. Give a brief account of the Sophists and their philosophy.

(4X5=20)

Section D

Answer any three of the following questions in two pages each. Each question carries 10 marks.

34. Explain the theory of knowledge in the philosophy of Plato.
35. Give a brief account of Medieval philosophy and discuss their major points of debates in it.
36. Explain the important proofs for the existence of God in the philosophy of St. Thomas Aquinas.
37. Analyse the different theories of mind-body relation propounded by the Rationalist thinkers.
38. Elucidate the epistemological views of John Locke.
39. Explain the importance of Impressions and Ideas as the source of knowledge according to Hume.

(10X3=30)