

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, DECEMBER 2024

Second Semester M.A. Philosophy

M23PH05DC – Western Philosophy II (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. Define apriori judgement.
- 2. Who aroused Kant from his dogmatic slumber?
- 3. Define phenomena.
- 4. Who authored *Dialectic of Enlightenment?*
- 5. Define Geist.
- 6. Name the critical theorist who used the concept of Hegemony.
- 7. What is meant by exchange value of human labour?
- 8. What is the alternative system of Marcuse against the one-dimensional capitalist society?
- 9. What is rationalism?
- 10. Name the author of *Critique of Pure Reason*.
- 11. Define Analytic Judgement.
- 12. Which class does Marx refer to as the Proletariat?
- 13. Name a work written by Hegel.
- 14. What is the corresponding category of Universal Judgement?
- 15. Who wrote Communist Manifesto?

(1X10=10)

Section B

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

- 16. Explain Marxian Dialectics.
- 17. What is the Copernican revolution in Philosophy brought about by Kant?

- 18. Explain Critical Theory.
- 19. Explain Kant's synthetic apriori judgement.
- 20. Explain standardisation of Culture
- 21. Define Communism.
- 22. What is Hegel's view of State?
- 23. Differentiate between Marx's view on base and Superstructure.
- 24. Define Absolute Idealism.
- 25. Distinguish between phenomena and noumena.

(2X5=10)

Section C

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

- 26. Elaborate Marxian notion of Alienation.
- 27. How does Marcuse define one dimensional society?
- 28. Explain Transcendental Method of Kant.
- 29. Write a note on the contributions of Walter Benjamin to Frankfurt School.
- 30. What are the main tenets of German Idealism?
- 31. Differentiate between Use-value and exchange-value.
- 32. Explain Kantian notion of space and time.
- 33. What is Dialectic of Enlightenment?

(4X5=20)

Section D

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

- 34. Elucidate Hegel's Philosophy of History.
- 35. Analyze Marx's critique of Modernity.
- 36. Discuss the socio-political and intellectual landscape that led to the rise of Critical theory.
- 37. Elaborate Kant's theory of understanding.
- 38. Discuss the concept of the "culture industry" as proposed by Adorno and Horkheimer?
- 39. "Percepts without concepts are blind and concepts without percepts are empty"-Discuss.

(10X3=30)