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PHILOSOPHY

(Theory Paper)

Paper Code : PHL-701C

(Western Metaphysics)

Full Marks – 80

Time – Three hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

1. Find out the correct answer : 1×6=6

(a) Who is known as the father of Idealism ?

(i) Hume

(ii) Aristotle

(iii) Plato

(iv) Socrates

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2. Answer briefly: 2×5=10

- (i) What is Eros?
- (ii) Plato admits two-world concept, what are they?
- (iii) What does Aristotle mean by the term – “Ex-nihilo-he-nihil-fit”?

(iv) What are the three substances admitted by Descartes?

(v) What are the characteristics of Monads, according to Leibnitz?

3. Answer any six of the following questions: 5×6=30

- (a) Is Plato's theory of Ideas Teleological?
- (b) What are the characteristics of Ideas according to Plato?
- (c) How does Aristotle criticise Plato's theory of Ideas?
- (d) What are the four causes according to Aristotle? Define material cause.

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(b) “God is the prime mover”. – Who said this?

- (i) Plato
- (ii) Socrates
- (iii) Spinoza
- (iv) Aristotle

(c) Aristotle admitted substance as

- (i) sensible and perishable
- (ii) sensible and eternal
- (iii) eternal and perishable
- (iv) All of the above

(d) According to Spinoza the ultimate reality of the universe is

- (i) God
- (ii) Attributes
- (iii) Fire
- (iv) Water

(e) The book ‘Monadology’ was written by

- (i) Hume
- (ii) Spinoza
- (iii) Leibnitz
- (iv) Kant

(f) “Substance is a product of human imagination” the statement is stated by

- (i) Descartes
- (ii) Hume
- (iii) Kant
- (iv) Leibnitz

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- (e) Explain the theory of Dualism of Descartes.
- (f) Give an account of Spinoza's view on attributes and modes.
- (g) What is Pre-establish harmony, according to Leibnitz ?
- (h) What are the characteristics of Monads ? Explain.
- (i) Write a short note on Hume's causality.

4. Answer any *two* of the following questions :

10×2=20

- (i) Explain and examine Plato's Metaphysical view.
- (ii) "Knowledge is not opinion". – Explain and examine the view after Plato.
- (iii) Discuss the theory of Dualism as provided by Descartes.

5. Examine Plato's doctrine of Ideas. Summarise Aristotle's argument against Plato's theory of Ideas.

4+10=14

Or

What is cause according to Hume ? Explain and examine causality after Hume.

4+10=14