

M.A. Examination, 2014
Semester – III
Philosophy
Paper : XI (Optional)
Metaphysics (Western, Classical)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 40

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin.

Answer *any four* questions

1. (a) Explain, after Plato's *Euthyphro*, how the essential / ideal forms furnish standards of judgment. 10
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 - (b) What is the kind of knowledge that enables us to apprehend the true nature of things? Explicate after Plato's *Phaedo*. 10
 2. Why is it that virtue can only be understood as a whole, and not partially? Discuss on the basis of Plato's *Meno*. 10
 3. Discuss the nature of metaphysics according to Aristotle in his *Metaphysics*. 10
 4. Explain the Cartesian dualism of mind and body as explicated in the Sixth *Meditation*. 10
 5. Discuss in detail the nature of philosophy according to Descartes in the Preface to his *Principles of Philosophy*. 10
 6. Elucidate the Cartesian criteria for knowledge of first principles according to the Preface of his *Principles of Philosophy*. 10
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