



# LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

## M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – PHILOSOPHY

1 SEMESTER – APRIL 2024

**PPL1MC01 – ANCIENT, MEDIEVAL AND MODERN WESTERN PHILOSOPHY**

Date: 25-04-2024

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Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 09:00 AM - 12:00 NOON

### SECTION A – K1 (CO1)

**Answer ALL the questions**

**(5 x 1 = 5)**

**1 Answer the following**

- a) Quote the statement that expresses the “analogy of the river” by Heraclitus.
- b) The four causes according to Aristotle are: (1) \_\_\_\_\_, (2) \_\_\_\_\_, (3) \_\_\_\_\_ and (4) \_\_\_\_\_.
- c) Name the divine craftsman according to Plato.
- d) Descartes: Cogito ergo sum means \_\_\_\_\_.
- e) For Berkeley, “To be is to be perceived”. (True / False).

### SECTION A – K2 (CO1)

**Answer ALL the questions**

**(5 x 1 = 5)**

**2 Answer the following**

- a) Paraphrase the Pythagorean doctrine to ‘unlock’ reality.
- b) Define “emanation” according to Plotinus.
- c) Restate the Scholastic understanding of Universals.
- d) Briefly explain Leibniz’s pre-established harmony of monads.
- e) Define Kant’s “Categorical Imperative”.

### SECTION B – K3 (CO2)

**Answer any THREE of the following in 100 words each.**

**(3 x 10 = 30)**

- 3** With the example of “Meno’s slave”, discuss how Knowledge is Remembrance according to Plato.
- 4** Examine Aristotle’s doctrine of “Substance and Accidents” with examples.
- 5** Illustrate the Four Causes of Aristotle and apply them to the making of a fiber statue of St Ignatius the Pilgrim.
- 6** Discuss Leibniz’s three metaphysical principles for the exactness and certainty of our reasoning of reality.
- 7** Evaluate Berkeley’s theory of knowledge with special reference to the formula “to be is to be perceived.”

### SECTION C – K4 (CO3)

**Answer any TWO of the following in 200 words each.**

**(2 x 12.5 = 25)**

- 8** Illustrate the main ideas of “Sensualist” and “Rationalist” Pre-Socratic Schools with your critical remarks.
- 9** Illustrate the “Analogy of Being” according to Aquinas and contrast it with the “Concept of Being” of Scotus.

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| 10                          | Explain Leibniz's philosophy of the world with a special reference to his concept of monads.                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 11                          | Critically evaluate Hume's "critique of the Transcendental and Empirical Principle of Causality."                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>SECTION D – K5 (CO4)</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                             | <b>Answer any ONE of the following in 500 words</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>(1 x 15 = 15)</b></span>                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 12                          | Compare and contrast the ideas of Plato and Aristotle concerning Knowledge, the World and God with your critical remarks. [5 marks each]                                                                                                                                                                |
| 13                          | Compare and contrast the Philosophy of Knowledge of the three Empiricists (i.e. Locke-Berkeley-Hume). [5 marks each]                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>SECTION E – K6 (CO5)</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                             | <b>Answer any ONE of the following in 1000 words</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>(1 x 20 = 20)</b></span>                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 14                          | (a) Critically examine the Philosophy of Knowledge and Philosophy of the World by Plato or Aquinas. [10 marks]<br>(b) Evaluate how these ideas are relevant to the society/culture in your country. [5 marks]<br>(c) Assess their usefulness for your life as well as your future profession. [5 marks] |
| 15                          | (a) Compare and contrast the understanding of knowledge according to rationalists with empiricists. [12 marks]<br>(b) Explain Kant's synthesis between them by employing the faculties of the mind. [8 marks]                                                                                           |

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