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M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – PHILOSOPHY

3 SEMESTER – APRIL 2024

PPL3MC03 – METAPHYSICS

Date: 15-04-2024

Dept. No.

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

- Aristotle's disciple Andronikos of Rhodos called the book _____, which means 'to be read after the Physics'.
- Logic is governed by the principle of _____, i.e. the principle that one and the same well-formed proposition cannot be both true and false.
- Aristotle calls pure potency _____.
- According to Kant, if the judgment is based on an empirical belief, it is called _____.
[a priori, a fortiori, a posteriori]
- For Schelling, 'Man is the only creature that is able to choose evil'. [True / False]

SECTION A – K2 (CO1)

Answer ALL the questions

(5 x 1 = 5)

2 Answer the following

- Define "Metaphysics" according to Aristotle.
- What is 'substance dualism' according to Descartes.
- State why the substance monism of Spinoza is called pantheism.
- Explain what the concept of *élan vital* is.
- Define Noosphere according to Teilhard.

SECTION B – K3 (CO2)

Answer any THREE of the following in 100 words each.

(3 x 10 = 30)

- Explain Aristotle's four kinds of 'Change.' Using the example of the procreation of a human baby, illustrate Aristotle's four Causes.
- Elucidate the importance of Aristotle's analogy of being.
- Write an essay on 'Substance' as elaborated by Aristotle in "Books 7 and 12" of *Metaphysics*.
- Analyze "Substance Monism" as discussed by Spinoza in the book, *Ethics*.
- How does Kant's discussion of analytical and synthetical judgments relate to his philosophical project in *The Critique of Pure Reason*?

SECTION C – K4 (CO3)

Answer any TWO of the following in 200 words each.

(2 x 12.5 = 25)

- Critically evaluate why Aristotle considers the prime mover as the *final cause* and not the *efficient cause* of the cosmos.
- Keeping an essay on the *Monadology* in the metaphysics of Leibniz in mind, evaluate his idea of the 'pre-established harmony' of Monads.

10	Discuss the concept of 'Freedom' in Schelling's "Essay on Human Freedom".
11	Critically evaluate the main concepts of A. N. Whitehead in the chapters, "Categorical Scheme" and "God and the World" in his book <i>Process and Reality</i> .
SECTION D – K5 (CO4)	
	Answer any ONE of the following in 500 words (1 x 15 = 15)
12	Discuss Aristotle's understanding of the soul in general. [9 marks] Applying Aristotle's arguments, explain how your soul is free and immortal. [6 marks]
13	Write an essay on Kant's transcendental analytic of 'analytic a priori,' 'synthetic a posteriori' and 'synthetic a priori' judgments, and critically evaluate Kant's Copernican Revolution in Knowledge.
SECTION E – K6 (CO5)	
	Answer any ONE of the following in 1000 words (1 x 20 = 20)
14	Discuss Aristotle's concept of the Final Cause in terms of teleology. [8 marks] Applying the insights of teleology to your life, reflect on the goal (telos) of your life. [12 marks]
15	Highlighting the contribution of Bergson, Whitehead and Teilhard de Chardin, critically evaluate <i>Process Metaphysics</i> as a contemporary alternative approach to classical metaphysics to explain <i>cosmic reality</i> . [12 Marks]. Which of these philosophers is relevant to you in developing your personal philosophy? [8 Marks]

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