

3 (Sem-3) PHL M 2

2015

PHILOSOPHY

(Major)

Paper : 3.2

(History of Modern Western Philosophy—I)

Full Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

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

1. Answer the following questions : 1×10=10
- (a) What is the full name of Leibniz?
 - (b) Was Descartes an atheist?
 - (c) Is 'mind' an absolute substance according to Descartes?
 - (d) How many substances are there according to Spinoza?
 - (e) Are God and Substance the same thing in Spinoza's philosophy?
 - (f) Are innate ideas *a priori* or *a posteriori* ?

A16/67

(Turn Over)

(2)

- (g) How many attributes does the substance have according to Spinoza?
- (h) Is monad a material substance?
- (i) Was Leibniz a pessimist?
- (j) Write Yes or No :
Spinoza was a determinist.
2. Answer the following questions in brief : $2 \times 5 = 10$
- (a) Name two books written by Descartes.
- (b) What are the different classes of ideas according to Descartes?
- (c) Name the different stages of knowledge according to Spinoza.
- (d) What are the attributes of matter and mind according to Descartes?
- (e) Are monads complex substances? Who creates monads?
3. Answer any *four* of the following questions :
 $5 \times 4 = 20$
- (a) Explain 'cogito, ergo sum'.
- (b) Why is Descartes not a sceptic?
- (c) Write a note on parallelism.
- (d) Discuss the concept of 'pre-established harmony'.

(3)

- (e) What are the different classes of monads?
- (f) What is 'identity of the indiscernibles'?
4. Discuss the four rules of investigation suggested by Descartes. 10
- Or
- Critically discuss Cartesian dualism. 10
5. How does Descartes arrive at the conclusion 'I think, so I exist'? Add your comments. 10
- Or
- How does Descartes solve the problem of mind-body relation? 10
6. Critically discuss Spinoza's views on 'attributes' and 'modes'. 10
- Or
- How is Spinoza's philosophy more consistent than Descartes? Give reasons. 10
7. Write an essay on Leibniz's metaphysics of monads. 10
- Or
- Is 'cogito, ergo sum' an inference? Discuss in detail. 10
