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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/Fill in the blank : 1×10=10

   (a) Who was called the pioneer of Modern Rationalism?

   (b) Was Leibnitz a dualist?

   (c) ''God and nature are one.'' Who made this statement?

   (d) Is Descartes a Sceptic?

   (e) Who wanted to introduce mathematical method in Philosophy?

   (f) ''Substance is described as 'causa sui'.'' Who made this statement?

(Turn Over)

(g) Who defined substance "as existent thing which requires nothing but itself in order to exist"?

(h) Name the Philosopher who is known by the novelist as 'God-intoxicated mystic'.

(i) God is the highest Monad. Is it true?

(j) A Monad is ——.   (Fill in the blank)

2. Answer the following in brief :   2×5=10

(a) Name two books written by Spinoza.

(b) The central idea of Descartes' Philosophy is expressed through one statement. What is that and what it means?

(c) What do you mean by the term—

(i) natura-naturan;

(ii) natura-naturata?

(d) Substance is only one. What it means?

(e) Match the following :

(i) Dualism   1. Spinoza

(ii) Parallelism   2. Leibnitz

(iii) Pre-establish harmony   3. Descartes

3. Answer any *four* questions of the following : 5×4=20

(a) State the four rules of Descartes' method of philosophy.

(b) "Substance is indeterminate." Who said this and what is its implications?

(c) What are the substances of Descartes?

(d) What is the relation between mind and body according to Descartes?

(e) What are the various grades of Monads?

(f) Substance is unchangeable. What it means?

4. Examine Descartes' philosophical method.   10

Or

Explain the nature of attributes. How are they related to substance?

5. Bring out the significance of 'cogito ergo sum'.   10

Or

Give a critical exposition of Spinoza's doctrine of substance.

6. Examine Leibnitz's doctrine of substance.   10

Or

Examine Spinoza's concept of Modes.

7. Explain the doctrine of Pre-established Harmony of Leibnitz.   10

Or

Write short notes on :   5×2=10

(a) Pantheism

(b) Characteristics of Monad

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