



**LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034**

**M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – PHILOSOPHY**

**FOURTH SEMESTER – APRIL 2023**

**PPL 4503 – METAPHYSICS**

Date: 02-05-2023

Dept. No.

Max.: 100 Marks

Time: 09:30-12:30

**PART- A**

**Answer the following questions**

**(6X6=36 Marks)**

1. Giving examples for *modus ponens*, *modus tollens* and the *principle of non-contradiction*, explain the importance of logic in metaphysics.
2. Aristotle concludes, “Subject terms are substance terms in the most proper sense.” Explain.
3. Describing Aristotle’s understanding of form and matter, critically analyze the three types of souls that living beings have as their forms.
4. Evaluate Leibniz’s answer to the problem of evil.
5. Elaborate on Schelling’s critique of freedom and evil in his “Essay on Human Freedom.”
6. Compare and contrast the dialectical methods of Fichte and Hegel.

**PART- B**

**Answer the following Questions**

**(4X16=64 Marks)**

7A. Explain Aristotle’s four kinds of change. Using the example of the birth of a human baby, illustrate Aristotle’s four causes.

**OR**

7B. Critically analyze the various candidates which Aristotle considers for ‘substance’ in his *Metaphysics* (books VII and VIII).

8A. Write an essay on Aristotle’s Accidental Categories. Highlight the criticism of at least two philosophers on these categories. Justify your stand.

**OR**

8B. Critically analyze the arguments of Anselm, Descartes and Leibniz for the existence of God. Which of these is most convincing to you? Give your reasons.

9A. Critically evaluate Spinoza’s five theorems to argue in favor of “Substance Monism”. Why is his metaphysical system *deterministic*?

**OR**

9B. Write an essay on the *Monadology* in the metaphysics of Leibniz and evaluate Leibniz’s idea of the ‘pre-established harmony’ of monads.

10A. Critically examine Heidegger’s discussion on the necessity of an explicit retrieve of the question of being.

**OR**

10B. Highlighting the contribution of Bergson, Whitehead and Teilhard de Chardin, critically evaluate *Process Metaphysics* as a contemporary alternative approach to classical metaphysics to explain *cosmic reality*.

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