LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

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

THIRD SEMESTER – **NOVEMBER 2022**

PPL 3603 – ADVAITA AND AQUINAS

Date: 02-12-2022 Dept. No. Max.: 100 Marks

Time: 09:30 AM - 12:30 PM

PART- A

Answer the following questions **(6X6=36 Marks)**

1. What are the difficulties in doing metaphysics and the ways to overcome them?
2. Write a short note on *Adhyāsa*.
3. Differentiate between ontology and metaphysics.
4. 'Metaphysical conclusion of Aquinas and Śaṅkara is same.' Explain.
5. What are the three ways in which a being is predicated? Explain.
6. Explain how Śaṅkara refutes Sāṅkhya theory of creation.

PART- B

Answer the following questions **(4X16=64 Marks)**

7A. Explain learning as 'order of sciences' and show how Metaphysics is the First Science.

OR

7B. Write an essay on *Sādhana Catuṣṭaya* (fourfold means) according to Śaṅkara.

8A. Reflect and explain 'philosophy for everyone' and the difficulties in philosophizing.

OR

8B. Explain how Śaṅkara refutes Sāṅkhya's theory of causation?

9A. How does Aquinas engage the theories , 'abstraction and separation' to arrive at the subject matter of metaphysics?

OR

9B. Discuss the hierarchy of reality based on the principle of sublation.

10A. Write an essay on the transcendentals according to Aquinas.

OR

10B. Explain the nature of Brahman according to Śaṅkara.

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