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UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL

B.A. Honours 2nd Semester Examination, 2022

CC3-PHILOSOPHY

WESTERN PHILOSOPHY-I

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 60

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.
All symbols are of usual significance.*

SECTION-I

1. Answer any **four** of the following: 3×4 = 12
- (a) What are the three charges filed against Socrates? 3
- (b) How does Plato refute the view that knowledge is opinion? 3
- (c) What does Aristotle mean by potentiality and actuality? 3
- (d) "I think therefore I am" — Who said this and why? 3
- (e) "God = Substance = Nature" — Who said this and why? 1+2 = 3
- (f) What, according to Leibnitz, is pre-established harmony? 3

SECTION-II

2. Answer any **four** of the following: 6×4 = 24
- (a) Explain Spinoza's concept of "Intellectual love of God". 6
- (b) How does Plato distinguish between opinion and knowledge? Explain why knowledge is not perception. 3+3 = 6
- (c) "All knowledge is knowledge through concepts" — Explain this statement following Socrates. 6
- (d) How does Descartes arrive at his principle of — "Cogito ergo sum"? 6
- (e) Explain the doctrine of form and matter according to Aristotle. 6
- (f) Explain briefly Leibnitz's doctrine of monads. 6

SECTION-III

3. Answer any **two** of the following: 12×2 = 24
- (a) "Virtue is knowledge" — Explain this statement following Socrates. 12
- (b) Explain Aristotle's doctrine of potentiality and actuality. Does this distinction follow from the distinction between form and matter? 6+6 = 12
- (c) What do you mean by truths of fact and truths of reason according to Leibnitz? What are the differences between them? 6+6 = 12
- (d) Explain Spinoza's doctrine of substance. 12

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