M.A. Examination 2023

Semester-IV

Philosophy

Paper: MAPHILCP401

Hermeneutics and Post-Modernism

Time: 3 hours **Full Marks: 60**

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin.
Answer **any four** questions from the following.

1. What kind of hermeneutics one finds in ancient Greek philosophy? Discuss. 15

2. Critically examine Schleiermacher's contribution to the development of hermeneutic thought. 15

3. Explain Dilthey's view that understanding as a methodological concept is primarily a 'category of life' (*Lebenskategorie*). 15

4. Is the analysis of power to be deduced one way or the other from the economy? Answer critically with reference to Foucault. 15

5. How does Lyotard distinguish post-modernism from modernism? Explain after Lyotard the nature of knowledge in the post-industrial computerized society. 5+10=15

6. What does Derrida mean by 'metaphysics of presence'? How does deconstructive hermeneutics address it through *différance*? Explain. 5+10=15

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Philosophy of Religion

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Answer **any four** questions from the following

1. Show with the help of examples from history the evidence of exclusivism among Christians and Protestants. 15

2. What is Inclusivism? Explain the significance of 'Nostra Aetate' in this context. 6+9

3. Distinguish between plurality and pluralism. Explain why pluralism is not simply relativism. 5+15

4. Discuss the main features of an exclusivist approach with respect to plurality of religion. 15

5. How would an exclusivist, an inclusivist and a pluralist differ in their answers to the question, 'Is our God listening to the prayers of people of other faith'? 15

6. Write short notes on any three: 5+5+5
   a. 'Religion is unbelief'
   b. Majority consciousness and minority consciousness with regard to religions
   c. Fulfillment Theology
   d. Pluralism as Copernican Revolution
   e. Inter-religious dialogue