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PHILMAJ102-PHILOSOPHY

WESTERN PHILOSOPHY-I

Time Allotted: 2 Hours 30 Minutes

Full Marks: 60

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

SECTION-I

1. Answer any *five* of the following: 2×5 = 10
- Why is Thales considered the first philosopher in Western Philosophy? 2
 - What was Anaximander's theory about the origin of life? 2
 - Write the name of the Pre-Socratic thinker who established that 'fire' is the origin of the world. 2
 - "Number rules the Universe"—Who said this? 2
 - Who were sophists in the Ancient Greek Philosophy? 2
 - Name two of the followers of Socrates. 2
 - Name the highest part of the soul according to Plato. 2
 - What is efficient cause in Aristotle's theory? 2

SECTION-II

2. Answer any *six* of the following: 5×6 = 30
- Write the characteristics of Ancient Greek Philosophy. 5
 - Explain briefly the Number theory of Pythagoras. 5
 - Elucidate Heraclitus's philosophical view—'theory of change'. 5
 - What is the method of Socrates? 5
 - Explain five characteristics of Plato's theory of Ideas. 5
 - Make a distinction between formal cause and final cause. 5
 - How the 'universal' is related to Plato's conception of Ideas or forms? 5
 - How does Aristotle define 'Matter' and 'Form'? 5

SECTION-III

3. Answer any *two* of the following: 10×2 = 20
- Explain the cosmological view of Anaximander. 10
 - 'Virtue is identical with knowledge'—In context of this statement of Socrates explain his theory of ethics. 10
 - Discuss Plato's 'Theory of Knowledge' as distinguished from opinion. 10
 - Does the distinction between the 'actual' and 'potential' follow from the distinction between 'form' and 'matter'? 10

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