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Philosophy - PHG IV

### Outlines of Western Philosophy

Total number of questions in this paper is ten(10).

Answer FIVE (05) questions only

Time Allowed: Three (03) Hours

1. How do you define nature of ancient Greek philosophy and why are the Milesian thinkers considered as the first philosophers.

2. **Either**

Would it be correct to say that "Sophists were primarily practical men and set the stage for a more careful consideration of human nature? Discuss.

**Or**

Elucidate Socrates' views on philosophical thinking and briefly examine the method which Socrates employed in his philosophical analysis.

3. Critically examine Plato's theory of form.

4. How does Thomas Aquinas prove the existence of God?

5. Would it be correct to say that the medieval philosophers ascribes to faith rather than reason.

6. How do you describe rediscovering of Aristotle in the medieval period?

7. Describe what Descartes means by "I think there for I am" and explain briefly the Cartesian method of doubt.

8. Briefly define the term 'Empiricism' and discuss John Locke's OR David Hume's contribution to Empiricism.

9. State and briefly examine the key concepts in early Wittgenstein's philosophical analysis **OR** briefly discuss critical philosophy of Immanuel Kant.

10. Write short notes on any **TWO** of the following.

- i. Historical materialism.
- ii. Innate Ideas.
- iii. Existentialism **OR** Logical Atomism.
- iv. Philosophy and theology.
- v. Language Game.