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PHILOSOPHY

(Core)

Paper : C-3

(Ancient Greek Philosophy)

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions.*

1. Find out the correct answer : 1×8=8
- (a) According to Thales / Heraclitus, water is the fundamental stuff of this universe.
- (b) The theory of Atomism is associated with Democritus / Parmenides.
- (c) The philosophy of 'logos' was advocated by Plato/Heraclitus.

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- (d) According to Pythagoras, 'justice' is expressed through the number 4/5.
- (e) According to Sophists, knowledge is probable / certain.
- (f) Ideas are abstract / concrete in Plato's Philosophy.
- (g) Plato believes / does not believe in transmigration of Soul.
- (h) There are three / four kinds of causes in philosophy of Aristotle.
2. Write short notes on any five of the following :
4×5=20
- (a) Pre-Socratic philosophy
- (b) Sophists' view on knowledge
- (c) Heraclitus's concept of change (flux)
- (d) Material and formal cause (Aristotle)
- (e) Nature of 'being' in philosophy of Parmenides
- (f) Atomism of Democritus

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3. (a) Give a brief outline of 'Number Theory' of Pythagoras. 13
- Or
- (b) Describe Thales' theory of 'first principle'.
4. (a) Explain epistemological view of Socrates on the basis of the dictum 'virtue is knowledge'. 13
- Or
- (b) Explain epistemological view of Sophists' on the basis of the statement 'man is the measure of all things'.
5. (a) Give an account of Plato's theory of knowledge. 13
- Or
- (b) Discuss Plato's theory of ideas and its philosophical significance.
6. (a) Discuss Aristotle's criticism on Plato's theory of ideas. 13

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Or

- (b) What is 'form and matter' in Aristotle's philosophy? How Aristotle's concept of 'form and matter' is different from Plato's concept of 'form and matter'? Explain.

4+9=13

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