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FINAL YEAR B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, MARCH/APRIL 2005

Part III – Group IV – Philosophy

Paper VI (c) – PHILOSOPHICAL CLASSIC (EUROPEAN) LEIBNIZE'S MONODOLOGY

Time : Three Hours   Maximum : 100 Marks

Answers may be written either in English or in Malayalam.

Part A

Answer any two questions.
Each question carries 20 marks.

1. Explain the concept of Monad and show whether it furnished a right solution to the problems raised by the dualism of Descartes and the monism of Spinoza.

2. Discuss the different kinds of Menads and explain their distinguishing characteristics.

3. Explain the doctrine of Pre-established harmony.

4. State Leibnitz's theory of knowledge.

(2 × 20 = 40 marks)

Part B

Answer any ten questions.
Each question carries 6 marks.

5. Discuss the philosophy of Leibnitz as a form of objective idealism.

6. Discuss Leibnitz's view of monads as windowless.

7. Explain the law of contradiction.

8. Distinguish between truths of reason and truths of facts.

9. Elucidate the law of sufficient reason.

10. Explain the concept "Monad of monads".

11. State the arguments for the existence of God according to Leibnitz.

12. Distinguish between the concepts of desire and will in the philosophy of Leibnitz.

13. Discuss Leibnitz's solution to the problems of evil.

14. Can we regard Monadology as a form of pluralistic metaphysical idealism? Discuss.

15. Bring about the difference between apperception and appetition.

16. Give a brief account of the concept of consciousness in the Monodology of Leibnitz.

(10 × 6 = 60 marks)