Unit - III

5. Explain Descartes' Trade Mark Argument for the existence of God as presented in his Third Meditation. Throw light upon some of the problems with the argument. 10+4=14

6. How does Descartes present his version of the Ontological Arguments for God's existence? Discuss the issues related to the argument. 9+5=14

Unit - IV

7. Why do humans fall into deception and error despite the presence of the benevolent God according to Descartes? Discuss with reference to the Fourth Meditation. 14

8. What project does Descartes set out to outline in the Sixth Meditation in respect of the relation between mind and body? Why does Ryle think that Descartes has committed a 'Category Mistake'? 10+4=14

Unit - V

9. What are Descartes' grounds for stating that external world does really exist? Discuss the proofs offered by him in the Sixth Meditation. 14

10. Write briefly on any two of the following: 7+7=14
    a) Four rules for the regulation of thought
    b) Intuition and Deduction
    c) A.J. Ayer's critique of 'cogito, ergo sum'
    d) Classification of ideas.

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## PHILOSOPHY

4th Semester

Course No. : PHI - 652

**Philosophical Classics (Western)**

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 28

Time : 3 hours

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

(Answer any five questions, selecting one from each unit)

Unit - I

1. Why does Descartes adopt Method of Doubt as an adequate method to begin philosophizing? What are the things coming under the scope of doubt?5+9=14

2. Write a critical note on the background of Descartes' philosophy. Does he deserve the epithet of 'the father of the Modern European Philosophy'? Justify your answer. 10+4=14

Unit - II

3. What is the First Principle of Descartes' philosophy? How does he arrive at it? 14

4. Explicate the notion of mind as developed in the Second Meditation. 14