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**III Semester B.A. Degree (C.B.C.S.S. – OBE – Supplementary/
Improvement) Examination, November 2025
(2019 to 2023 Admissions)
CORE COURSE IN PHILOSOPHY
3B04 PHI : Ancient and Medieval Western Philosophy**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 40

**PART – A
(Short Answer)**

Answer **all** questions. **Each** answer carries **1** mark.

Write short note on the following :

1. Formal cause.
2. Epistemology.
3. Naturalism.
4. 'The Republic'.
5. 'Man is the measure of all things'.
6. Socratic method.

(6×1=6)

**PART – B
(Short Essay)**

Answer **any six** questions. **Each** answer carries **2** marks.

7. Briefly explain Aristotle's views on causation.
8. Write a short note on Plato's concept of divided line.
9. Give a brief account of Anaximenes views on cosmology.
10. Discuss the problem of knowledge according to Sophists.

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11. What are the three views of about the evil in the philosophy of St. Augustine ?
12. Elucidate Platonic notion of 'Allegory of the cave'.
13. Write a short note on Anaximander's view of reality.
14. Give a brief account of the ontological argument for the existence of god advanced by St. Anselm.

(6×2=12)

**PART – C
(Essay)**

Answer **any four** questions. **Each** answer carries **3** marks.

15. Analyse the Socratic statement 'Virtue is knowledge'.
16. Examine the importance of the philosophy of Heraclitus.
17. Discuss the role and relevance of the philosophy of Thales.
18. Briefly explain the characteristics of medieval philosophy.
19. Explain briefly the problem of change and permanence according to Parmenides.
20. Examine the relation of faith and reason in the philosophy of St. Thomas Aquinas.

(4×3=12)

**PART – D
(Long Essay)**

Answer **any two** questions. **Each** answer carries **5** marks.

21. Describe Plato's conception the theory of ideas.
22. Expound the various proofs for the existence of God advanced by medieval philosophy.
23. Examine the features of the philosophy of Sophists.
24. Discuss the importance of Socrates in Greek philosophy.

(2×5=10)