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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For The Following Qualifications:–

B.A. B.Sc. B.Sc.(Econ)LL.B. M.Sci.

Philosophy B3: History of Philosophy

COURSE CODE : PHILB003

UNIT VALUE : 1.00

DATE : 05–MAY–05

TIME : 10.00

TIME ALLOWED : 3 Hours

PHILOSOPHY B3: HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY

Answer THREE questions, at least ONE from each section. Avoid overlap in your answers.

SECTION A

1. Describe and assess Descartes' attempt to reach certainty in one or more of his metaphysical judgments.
2. How critical is Descartes of our ordinary view of the world?
3. "Central to Spinoza's metaphysics is the development of his distinction between an attribute and a mode." Discuss this claim.
4. How critical is Spinoza of our ordinary view of the world?
5. Why does Leibniz think that substances are monads?
6. How critical is Leibniz of our ordinary view of the world?

SECTION B

7. Discuss whether Locke is consistent in his distinctions between simple and complex ideas. How important is such consistency to the success of Locke's project?
8. How critical is Locke of our ordinary view of the world?
9. Discuss whether Berkeley is successful in his attack on the meaningfulness of the claim that matter may exist independent of minds.
10. How critical is Berkeley of our ordinary view of the world?
11. Describe and assess Hume's account of causation.
12. How critical is Hume of our ordinary view of the world?
13. What is the importance, for Kant, of his insistence that certain judgments are both synthetic and *a priori*?
14. How critical is Kant of our ordinary view of the world?

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