

Aspects of Western Philosophy
End Semester Examination Nov 2020

- Answer each of the following. Each carry 10 marks.
 - Do not copy-paste or discuss among friends, as there are no standard textbook answers to them. Any significant similarity between answers will be treated as copying.
 - Write down your answers with pen and submit the scanned copy to srkumar@smail.iitm.ac.in and antomsfs@gmail.com by or before 5 pm on 17th Dec 2020.
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1. Discuss the important departure introduced by Socrates, Plato and Aristotle in Greek philosophy after describing the nature of philosophical questions discussed by early Greek thinkers.
 2. In Kant we may find the philosophical insights represented by the opposing epistemological traditions of Rationalism and Empiricism. Discuss.
 3. Explain how Nietzsche's philosophical ideas have influenced the existentialists. How do they all (both Nietzsche and the existentialists) have opposed traditional philosophy?
 4. Explain the relevance of dialectical method in the philosophies of Hegel and Marx.
 5. Hegel was trying to explain how the gap between noumena and phenomena is filled. Explain.