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Mid-semester Examination

Introductory Philosophy (HSS F235)

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Time: 90 minutes

Total Marks: 35 (35% weighting)

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Instructions:

1. Answer all the questions.
  2. Adhere to the word limit.
  3. Consult (if necessary) *only* your prescribed text book.
  4. Submit your answers in the form of a single PDF file.
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1. The physicalist criterion of personal identity is nothing but a psychological criterion of personal identity. Substantiate. (10 marks; 75–100 words)
2. The supernatural-soul criterion of personal identity is faced with the problem of identification. Explain. (10 marks; 75–100 words)
3. It is not impossible to prove the truth of a negative existential claim. Demonstrate. (10 marks; 75–100 words)
4. It is the case that quantum randomness does not establish the possibility of free will. Justify. (5 marks; 45–70 words)