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FRENCH / GERMAN / SPANISH / ITALIAN
Paper XV
(History of Western Thought)

Time : 1 1/2 Hours

Maximum Marks : 50

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Attempt any *two* questions. Both questions carry equal marks.

1. Examine the state versus the intellectual confrontation in the specific context of the *Apology*. How does Socrates handle this conflict? Discuss. 25
2. Analyse the historical compulsions in the seventeenth century Europe which impelled Descartes to undertake his project of a methodic doubt. 25
3. Do you perceive any continuity between Voltaire's objective in writing *Candide* and Leibniz's conception of the universe as the best of all possible worlds? Comment. 25

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4. Examine the salient features of Kant's moral philosophy. Do you think it has the stature of a 'revolution' in moral theory? Comment. 25
5. Analyse the tension between the individual and society in *Nausea*. Do you accept Sartre's revolution of the same? Comment 25
6. "Does it require deep intuition to comprehend that man's ideas, views, and conceptions, in one word, man's consciousness, changes with every change in the conditions of his material existence, in his social relations and his social life"? Explain this thesis in the context of *The Communist Manifesto*. 25