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**BACHELOR OF ARTS EXAMINATION, 2018**

**(3rd Year, 5th Semester)**

**COMPARATIVE LITERATURE**

**Course - CL/UG/5.4**

**(Journey through Western and Indian Thought)**

Full Marks : 30

Time : Two Hours

*All questions carry equal marks.*

Answer *three* questions *either* in English *or* in Bangla,  
but all *three* in the same language.

1. (a) Discuss Epicurus as a materialist philosopher. Examine whether he adequately responds to previous idealist criticisms. 10

*Or,*

- (b) Examine the concept of ethics in Aristotle and Marx.

2. (a) While the *Mahakavya* has a dialogic format and *Smritis* are prescriptive, both confirm *varnadharma* as the core of Vedic Brahminical society. Comment with close reference to the texts taught in your syllabus. 10

*[Turn over]*

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*Or*

(b) Is syncretism an adequate lens for understanding medieval and early modern India? Discuss with a close diachronic study of *jangnama* and *shariyatnama* traditions.

3. (a) Discuss Wollstonecraft's *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman* as a gendered critique of the universalist claims of the Enlightenment. 10

*Or;*

(b) Why is Gandhi's ethics of benevolence for the eradication of untouchability not supported by Ambedkar? What is the interpretation and alternative proposed by him ?

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