**ARRUPE COLLEGE**

Jesuit School of Philosophy and Humanities

**BA Honours in Philosophy**

**HISTORY OF MODERN PHILOSOPHY APH 301**

**DECEMBER 2015**

**THREE (3) HOURS**

**ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS ONLY. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.**

1. While highlighting its strengths and weaknesses, discuss the concept of Enlightenment using any of the authors you have studied. What relevance does such a concept have in our present society?
2. Briefly explain Cartesian dualism and show how Gottfried W. Leibniz attempts to overcome it. While justifying your position, say whether Leibniz was successful?
3. What role does God play in Rene Descartes’ *Meditations*? Discuss whether Descartes was justified in assigning God a role in the *Meditations*.
4. Explain how Bishop George Berkeley “solved” the problem of scepticism regarding knowledge of the external world. To what extent is his “solution” tenable?
5. Using concrete examples, explain the concept of innate ideas as explicated by any rationalist thinker of your choice. How does John Locke argue against this concept?
6. Compare and contrast the empiricism of John Locke with that of David Hume.
7. Immanuel Kant considered space and time to be *a priori* forms of intuition. Explain how he employs these pure forms of intuition to expose the weakness of empiricism. How would you evaluate Kant’s argument?

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**