University of Kelaniya – Sri Lanka
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Bachelor of Arts (General) Degree Second Examination (External) – 2013/14
2017 April – June
Faculty of Humanities
Western Classic Culture - WCCU - E 2025
Greek Philosophy
Answer any five (05) questions only

No. of questions : 10
Time : 03 Hours

01. State the importance of the three fragments that are said to be left of Thales’ thought.

02. State the connection between rebirth and number philosophy in the philosophy of Pythagoras.

03. What is the outcome of Xenophanes’ negative criticism of the Olympian religion?

04. How justifiable is it to call Parmenides the father of Idealism? Give reasons for your answer.

05. Comment on the observation made by Heraclitus on the ‘World at war.’

06. What role has ‘love’ in the origin of the world according to Empedocles?

07. Examine the conclusions that could be derived from the moving forces in the philosophies of Anaxagoras and the Atomists on their respective theories.

08. Explain the Sophists, their teachings, their nature and the impact on 5th century BCE society in Athens.

09. Explain the difference between the ‘Objective truths of Socrates’ And Plato.

10. Explain the role played by the ‘unmoved mover’ in Aristotle’s Theory of Becoming.

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