

2015

PHILOSOPHY

(Major)

Paper : 6·3

(**Contemporary Western Philosophy-II**)

Full Marks : 60

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

1. Answer the following as directed : 1×7=7

(a) Kierkegaard may be regarded as the founder of — existentialism.

(Fill in the blank)

(b) Existentialism is associated with

(i) individualism

(ii) objectivity

(iii) absolute idealism

(iv) realism

(Choose the correct answer)

(c) Name the philosopher who wrote about 'the death of God'.

(d) Who is the author of *Being and Nothingness*?

(e) Phenomenology is an attempt to transform philosophy to a descriptive/formal/natural/behavioural science.

(Choose the correct option)

(f) "Existence precedes essence." This sentence was first written by

(i) Kierkegaard

(ii) Nietzsche

(iii) Sartre

(iv) Husserl

(Choose the correct answer)

(g) Name the last stage of existential transformation according to Kierkegaard.

2. (a) Name the first two stages of existential transformation according to Kierkegaard. 2

(b) What does Nietzsche mean by superman? 2

(c) What is the method employed in phenomenology? 2

(d) Name two atheistic existentialist philosophers. 2

3. Answer any *three* of the following : 5×3=15

(a) In what sense existentialism is a movement of protest?

(b) Why did Kierkegaard identify truth with subjectivity?

(c) In what sense Husserl's phenomenology is concerned with the ideal essences? Discuss briefly.

(d) Bring out the significance of Nietzsche's Nihilism.

(e) State briefly Kierkegaard's view about the aesthetic stage of existential transformation.

(f) Write a note on the phenomenological epoche.

4. Answer any *three* of the following : 10×3=30

(a) Give an account of the common features of existentialism.

(b) "Truth is subjectivity." Discuss by following Kierkegaard.

(c) Give a brief account of Sartre's view about freedom with a special note on the relationship between freedom and responsibility.

(d) Give a critical note on Husserl's phenomenology.

- (e) Explain Nietzsche's view about superman.
- (f) How did Sartre explain the relationship between existence and essence? Explain.

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