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PHILOSOPHY

(Major)

Paper : M-603

Full Marks : 60

Time : Three hours

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

1. (a) Belief in the primacy of — is a characteristic feature of existentialism. (Fill in the gap)
1×7=7

- (b) Which of the following sentences is true :
 - (i) Existentialism is a protest in the name of individuality.
 - (ii) Existentialism is related to positivism.
 - (iii) Existentialism emphasises abstract thinking.

Contd.

- (c) "Existence precedes essence". — Who said this ?
- (d) Existentialism relates truth with — (subjectivity / objectivity / universality) (Write the correct alternative)
- (e) Name one theistic existentialist philosopher.
- (f) Name one atheistic existentialist philosopher.
- (g) What is the first stage of existential transformation according to Kierkegaard ?

2. (a) Name two pioneers of existentialism. 2×4=8
- (b) Why did Kierkegaard reject the emphasis upon objectivity ?
 - (c) What does Nietzsche's nihilism mean ?
 - (d) In what sense phenomenology is a descriptive science ?

3. Answer **any three** questions : 5×3=15
- (a) Write a note on the existentialist emphasis on man's subjective experience.
 - (b) Discuss the contrast between 'existence' and 'essence'.

- (c) Write a note on the concept of superman.
- (d) State briefly what the method of bracketing is.
- (e) Discuss Sartre's view about human freedom.
- (f) Explain briefly Kierkegaard's concept of truth.

4. Answer **any three** of the following : 10×3
- (i) Give an account of the characteristic features of existentialism.
 - (ii) Write an essay on Kierkegaard's view about the stages of existential transformation.
 - (iii) "Man does not discover his values : he creates them". Explain the statement with special reference to Nietzsche's nihilism.
 - (iv) Explain Sartre's view about the relationship between existence and essence.
 - (v) Discuss the characteristic features of the phenomenology of Husserl.
 - (vi) In what sense Kierkegaard may be regarded as the founder of modern existentialism ? How does his views differ from these of Nietzsche ?