

2016

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 : $1 \times 7 = 7$

(a) According to Kierkegaard, an existential system is like a logical system.

(Write True or False)

(b) Which is important for the existentialists, 'essence' or 'existence'?

(Choose the correct answer)

- (c) Name the author of the book, *Concluding Unscientific Postscript*.
- (d) What is Moral Nihilism?
- (e) Name the author of the book, *Logical Investigations*.
- (f) Who wanted to establish philosophy as a rigorous science?
- (g) Who said that, "the being of man and his being free are identical"?

2. Give very short answers to the following :

2×4=8

- (a) What, according to the existentialists, is the highest truth?
- (b) What are the last two spheres of existence according to Kierkegaard?
- (c) Write the name of two books authored by Nietzsche.
- (d) What are the two different kinds of 'faith' Sartre speaks of?

3. Give short answers to any *three* of the following : $5 \times 3 = 15$

- (a) What is a 'phenomenon' according to Husserl?
- (b) Why do the existentialists think that life cannot be known completely by reason?
- (c) Explain briefly the religious sphere of existence according to Kierkegaard.
- (d) What is the concept of superman? Explain after Nietzsche.
- (e) Write a short note on Sartre's concept of 'being-in-itself'.

4. Answer the following : $10 \times 3 = 30$

- (a) Write an introductory note on phenomenology.

Or

What do you understand by existentialism? What are the general characteristics of existentialism?

- (b) Why is Nietzsche regarded as a nihilist? Explain his nihilistic philosophy briefly.

Or

Man is not a biological animal, he is a human being. Explain Kierkegaard's concept of human existence.

- (c) Give an account of Sartre's concept of freedom.

Or

Distinguish between theistic and atheistic existentialism.

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