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PHILOSOPHY

(Major)

Paper : PHLMAJ2044

(Western Philosophy)

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 28

Time : Three hours

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

1. Choose the correct answer from the following : 1×6=6

(a) 'Existence precedes Essence' is famous statement related to :

(i) Idealism

(ii) Existentialism

(iii) Empiricism

(iv) Logical positivism

- (b) Karl Popper's theory is stated on :
- (i) Hypothesis
 - (ii) Falsification
 - (iii) Analytical
 - (iv) Synthesis
- (c) _____ is considered the father of logical positivism.
- (i) Mortinz Schlick
 - (ii) A.J. Ayer
 - (iii) Wittgstein
 - (iv) Rudolf Carnap
- (d) Founder of existentialism _____.
- (i) Sartre
 - (ii) Keirkegaard
 - (iii) Martin Heidegger
 - (iv) Edmund Husserl
- (e) _____ is widely considered the father of idealism.
- (i) Berkeley
 - (ii) Kant
 - (iii) Plato
 - (iv) Descartes

- (f) Who is recognised as a founder of phenomenology ?
- (i) Edmund Husserl
 - (ii) Martin Heidegger
 - (iii) Karl Popper
 - (iv) Sartre

2. Answer the following questions : **(any five)**
2×5=10

- (a) Define the nature of western philosophy.
- (b) Write *two* prominent trends in western philosophy.
- (c) Define basic characters of Analytical Philosophy.
- (d) What is elimination of Metaphysics ?
- (e) Write *two* basic points of Logical Positivism.
- (f) Define phenomenology.
- (g) Distinguish between 'en soi' and 'pour soi'.

3. Answer the following questions : **(any six)**
5×6=30

- (a) Write briefly nature and scope of Western Philosophy.

- (b) Explain shortly on Analytical Philosophy.
- (c) Write short note on continental philosophy.
- (d) Explain briefly problems of Metaphysics in the light of Existentialism.
- (e) Write short note on characteristics of Idealism.
- (f) Explain the basic concepts of phenomenology.
- (g) Write a brief outline of Existentialism.
- (h) Write short note on Logical Positivism.
- (i) What is Metaphysics? Write briefly.

4. Answer the following questions : **(any two)**

12×2=24

- (a) What is phenomenology? Distinguish between phenomenology and existentialism.
- (b) Write clearly "Theory of falsification" with reference to Karl Popper.
- (c) Explain 'Rejection of Metaphysics' in the light of logical positivism.
- (d) 'Existence preceds essence', explain in the context of existentialism.