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PHILOSOPHY
(HONOURS)
EXISTENTIALISM
PHIL: 622 (Paper-VIII)

The figures in the margin indicate full marks of the questions

Answer any five questions.

1. State and examine the salient features of existentialism. 15
 2. Distinguish between theistic and atheistic existentialism. Is the distinction justified?
10+5=15
 3. Define humanism. Explain briefly its different forms. How is humanism related to
existentialism? 2+8+5=15
 4. Elucidate Nietzsche's notion of superman. 15
 5. What is meant by 'Transvaluation of values'? Why did Nietzsche feel the need to
transvalue moral values especially the Christian values? 3+12=15
 6. What is the significance of Nietzsche's concept of the will to power? What had
empowered the migrant workers to walk back home hundreds of miles? Is the will to
power essential for survival in this competitive world? Discuss 10+2+3=15
 7. Define dread. How is it different from fear? Explain Kierkegaard's concept of dread as a
possibility of freedom. 2+3+10=15
 8. Name Kierkegaard's different stages of life. Explain them briefly. Do you agree with him?
2+10+3=15
 9. State and examine Heidegger's concept of the Being of beings. Is his Being identical with
God? Discuss 12+3=15
 10. State and examine Heidegger's notion of Dasein or human existence. 15
 11. Why Heidegger concept of everydayness a form of inauthenticity? What are the
essential characteristics of authentic existence according to Heidegger? 3+12=15
 12. How would you distinguish the being-in-itself and the being-for-itself? Why according to
Sartre man alone is the being-for-itself? Discuss. 10+5=15
 13. What is bad faith? How is it different from lying in general? How is it possible that the
same person is lying to oneself? Give examples 2+3+10=15
 14. Critically examine Sartre's concept of freedom. 15
 15. Write notes on any two of the following: 7 1/2 x 2 =15
(a) Sorge (Heidegger) (b) Death (c) Teleological suspension of ethics (Kierkegaard)
(d) Anthropocentric humanism
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