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( April )

PHILOSOPHY

( Honours )

( **Existentialism** )

( PHIL : 622 )

Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

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

Answer any **five** questions

1. State and examine the salient features of existentialism. How is it related to humanism?

9+6=15

2. Name Kierkegaard's different stages of life. Briefly explain them. Do you agree with him?

Discuss. 3+9+3=15

3. Elucidate Nietzsche's idea of superman. Do you think that he has succeeded in giving a clear description of superman?

10+5=15

4. What is meant by transvaluation of values? What are the values that need to be transvalued and why? Discuss with reference to Nietzsche's existential thought.  $3+12=15$
5. Explain the following with reference to Kierkegaard :  $5+5+5=15$
- (a) What is the difference between objective truth and subjective truth?
- (b) What are the essential characteristics of subjective truth?
- (c) How would you explain that subjective truth is identical with faith?
6. State and examine Heidegger's concept of Being. Do you think that his Being is identical with God? Explain.  $10+5=15$
7. What are the main features of inauthentic existence according to Heidegger? How can a Dasein achieve authentic existence?  $7+8=15$
8. What is bad faith? How is it different from falsehood? How would you differentiate Sartre's concept of bad faith from Freudian self-deception? Give examples.  $2+5+5+3=15$

9. How did Sartre distinguish between the being-in-itself and the being-for-itself? How would you explain that the being-for-itself is also a being-for-another?  $9+6=15$
10. Write notes on any two of the following :  $7\frac{1}{2}\times 2=15$
- (a) Theistic and atheistic existentialism
- (b) Freedom (Sartre)
- (c) Will to power (Nietzsche)
- (d) Existence precedes essence (Sartre)

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