

6/H-20 (viii) (b) (Syllabus-2015)

2019

(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. How would you distinguish between theistic and atheistic existentialism? Is the distinction justified? 10+5=15
2. What is the difference between a system and a movement? Examine existentialism as a movement. 3+12=15

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3. What is the significance of Nietzsche's concept of the will to power? Do you think that the will to power is essential for every human individual?
12+3=15
4. Bring out clearly Nietzsche's notion of superman. 15
5. Define dread. What according to Kierkegaard is the difference between innocent dread and guilt-ridden dread? Explain dread as a possibility of freedom.
2+5+8=15
6. With reference to Kierkegaard's stages of life, explain the following with appropriate examples :
5×3=15
- (a) Aesthetic stage as an illusion of freedom
- (b) Ethical stage as an illusion of humanism
- (c) Religious stage as a teleological suspension of ethics
7. Critically examine Sartre's concept of freedom. 15

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8. State and examine Heidegger's notion of human existence and dasein. What is the significance of dasein's realization of his temporality in the world?
12+3=15
9. Explain the concept of authenticity with reference to any one existentialist. 15
10. Write notes on any two of the following :
7½×2=15
- (a) Bad faith (Sartre)
- (b) Subjective truth (Kierkegaard)
- (c) Nothingness (Heidegger)
- (d) Transvaluations of values
