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M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – PHILOSOPHY

2 SEMESTER – APRIL 2024

PPL2MC04 – CONTEMPORARY AND RECENT WESTERN PHILOSOPHY

Date: 13-04-2024

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Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 09:00 AM - 12:00 NOON

SECTION A – K1 (CO1)

Answer ALL the questions

(5 x 1 = 5)

1 True or False

- a) According to Schelling, “Man is the supreme manifestation of nature.”
- b) According to Kierkegaard, Man finds himself as “geworfenheit” (thrown-ness).
- c) Nietzsche developed the method of Epoché (Bracketing).
- d) According to Husserl, human person is driven by “Will to Power.”
- e) Teilhard’s metaphysical theory of ‘creative union’ says that “to create is to unite.”

SECTION A – K2 (CO1)

Answer ALL the questions

(5 x 1 = 5)

2 MCQ (Write the correct answer)

- a) According to Fichte, two kinds of experience assail our daily life: feeling of _____ [freedom, boredom, kingdom] and feeling of _____ [possibility, potentiality, necessity].
- b) Kierkegaard explains the concept of “dread” as that which _____ [brightens, frightens, lightens] us and at the same time _____ [attracts, attacks, abstracts] us.
- c) According to Heidegger, Man has to work out his various possibilities as *Dasein* which means _____ [being-for-others, being-in-the-world, being-with-others] and *Mitsein* which means _____ [being-at, being-above, being-with].
- d) Jean-François Lyotard wrote: “I define postmodern as incredulity toward _____” [metanarratives, metaprogrammes, metaprocessors].
- e) Bergson defines _____ as the continuity of consciousness through the accumulation of time [Duration, Meditation, Contemplation].

SECTION B – K3 (CO2)

Answer any THREE of the following in 100 words each.

(3 x 10 = 30)

- 3 Explain Fichte’s dialectic in his Philosophy of Man.
- 4 Elaborate Hegel’s dialectic of the ‘Absolute’ with a diagram.
- 5 Writing a note on Nietzsche’s idea of ‘Superman,’ evaluate his misogynistic views.
- 6 Explain the notion of ‘intentionality’ and ‘epoché’ in Husserl’s phenomenology.
- 7 Describe Teilhard de Chardin’s theory of the evolution of the ‘inside of things’ and the ‘outside of things.’

SECTION C – K4 (CO3)

	Answer any TWO of the following in 200 words each. (2 x 12.5 = 25)
8	Discuss Schopenhauer's ideas of "The world as Will" and "the Will as the will to live."
9	Critically analyse Sartre's view that 'human relationships are doomed.'
10	Critically evaluate Heidegger's Philosophy of Man, focusing on 'Man as care-taker.'
11	Describe any four salient features of postmodernism with suitable examples.

SECTION D – K5 (CO4)

	Answer any ONE of the following in 500 words (1 x 15 = 15)
12	Compare and contrast the understanding of the 'Human Person' according to the Existentialists namely Kierkegaard, Sartre, Marcel and Jaspers.
13	Elaborating on the role of consciousness in Phenomenology, compare and contrast any three significant ideas of Husserl and Merleau-Ponty.

SECTION E – K6 (CO5)

	Answer any ONE of the following in 1000 words (1 x 20 = 20)
14	(A) Write an essay on German idealism and Existentialism highlighting any four chief characteristic features of each school. [12 marks] AND (B) Critically evaluate which of these schools of philosophy helps you to develop your 'life philosophy' [8 marks]
15	(A) Discuss in detail any four prominent ideas of A N Whitehead [12 marks]. AND (B) How does Whitehead's Philosophy of Organism help you develop a novel concept of God-World relationship for your life and the world around you? [8 marks]

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