

LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034**M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – PHILOSOPHY****SECOND SEMESTER – APRIL 2023****PPL2MC04 – CONTEMPORARY AND RECENT WESTERN PHILOSOPHY**

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Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 09:30 AM - 12:30 PM

SECTION A – K1 (CO1)**Answer ALL the questions****(5 x 1 = 5)**1. **MCQ**

- a) Which one of the following is the correct triad of Hegel?
 a) Idea, Nature, Spirit
 b) God, Soul, World
 c) Mind, Body, Soul
 d) Idea, Matter, energy
- b) For Sartre, treating oneself as a part of facticity alone amounts to
 a) Being-for-others
 b) Being-for-itself
 c) Bad faith
 d) Humanism
- c) Which one of the following statements does not appropriately represent the position of Nietzsche?
 a) He equates will to truth with the will to power
 b) The distinction between good and evil is based on the will to power.
 c) The distinction between good and evil is rooted in objectivity.
 d) All life and all happiness are governed by will to power.
- d) The analogy of 'Beetle in the box' in Wittgenstein's *Philosophical Investigations* pertains to
 a) Fideism
 b) Notion of Philosophy
 c) The picture Theory
 d) Critique of Private Language
- e) Who argues that women have been given dependent derivative status as the other of men?
 a) Mary Wollstonecraft
 b) Simone de Beauvoir
 c) Julia Kristeva
 d) Betty Friedan

SECTION A – K2 (CO1)**Answer ALL the questions****(5 x 1 = 5)**2. **Match the following**

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| a) | Analytic Philosophy | i) <i>Dasein</i> |
| b) | Hermeneutical Method | ii) Diachronic view of language |
| c) | Idealistic Phenomenology | iii) Language pictures reality |
| d) | Deconstructive method | iv) Existential appropriation of the text |
| e) | Existential Phenomenology | v) Some descriptions of the world are immune from failures of Judgement |

SECTION B – K3 (CO2)

Answer any THREE of the following in 300 words **(3 x 10 = 30)**

3. Discuss the significance of Idealism and Rationalism.
4. “Man is condemned to be free.” Comment.
5. Illustrate the pointlessness of existence in ‘*The Myth of Sisyphus*’ by Camus.
6. Discuss the features of Analytic tradition of Philosophy.
7. Explain how Simone de Beauvoir looks at religion and myths about women as perpetuating the concept of the Other.

SECTION C – K4 (CO3)

Answer any TWO of the following in 500 words **(2 x 12.5 = 25)**

8. Explain in detail the phenomenological method proposed by Edmund Husserl.
9. Illustrate what Heidegger means by the ontological ‘question of being.’
10. Distinguish between the characteristics of Structuralism and Post-Structuralism.
11. Discuss the four recent philosophical methods in Western philosophy.

SECTION D – K5 (CO4)

Answer any ONE of the following in 750 words **(1 x 15 = 15)**

12. Assess the development of Idealism in the works of Plato, Descartes and Kant.
13. Discuss Kierkegaard’s analysis of faith in his work *Fear and Trembling*.

SECTION E – K6 (CO5)

Answer any ONE of the following in 1000 words **(1 x 20 = 20)**

14. Critically evaluate the major themes in Sartre’s ‘*Being and Nothingness: An Essay in Phenomenological Ontology*.’
15. Investigate and analyse the key characteristics of post-structuralism with reference to Saussure, Barthes and Derrida.

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