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M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – PHILOSOPHY

SECOND SEMESTER – APRIL 2025



PPL2MC04 – CONTEMPORARY AND RECENT WESTERN PHILOSOPHY

Date: 26-04-2025

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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 MCQ

a) Which of the following does Schopenhauer propose as a temporary escape from suffering?

- i. Suicide
- ii. Aesthetic contemplation
- iii. Pursuing wealth
- iv. Seeking power

b) Hegel views war as a means to:

- i. Promote destruction and chaos
- ii. Rejuvenate nations and renew human spirit
- iii. Eliminate weaker societies
- iv. End all forms of political governance

c) Kierkegaard criticized the clergy because:

- i. They rejected Christianity
- ii. They lived in poverty
- iii. They were hypocritical and misused religion for personal gain
- iv. They refused to engage with philosophy

d) What are the three stages of nature's evolution according to Schelling?

- i. Matter, energy, consciousness
- ii. Slumbering nature, emergent life, conscious mind
- iii. Instinct, intelligence, wisdom
- iv. Body, soul, spirit

e) Why does Sartre say we are responsible for who we become?

- i. Because we follow a set destiny
- ii. Because we make choices that define us
- iii. Because society decides for us
- iv. Because our genes determine everything

SECTION A – K2 (CO1)

Answer ALL the questions

(5 x 1 = 5)

2 MCQ

a) What role does "Sorge" (Care) play in Heidegger's philosophy?

- i. It refers to worrying excessively about life
- ii. It means that human beings are passive observers of existence
- iii. It signifies deep engagement with the world and others
- iv. It is the idea that time is meaningless

b) How does Marcel criticize modern society?

- i. It overemphasizes abstract logic and technology
- ii. It values religion too much
- iii. It rejects scientific progress

	iv. It focuses too much on emotions
c)	Why does Jaspers argue that no single philosophical system can fully capture Being? i. Because philosophy is incomplete ii. Because Being is beyond any fixed concept iii. Because philosophers are often mistaken iv. Because only religious thought can explain Being
d)	What did Nietzsche mean by the phrase "God is dead"? i. God has literally died ii. God no longer holds significance in modern society iii. People no longer believe in any form of God iv. People are rejecting science and returning to religion
e)	What is Teilhard de Chardin's concept of "the divine milieu"? i. A world without God's presence ii. A world filled with God's energy and spirit iii. A division between matter and spirit iv. A physical, non-spiritual world
SECTION B – K3 (CO2)	
	Answer any THREE of the following in 100 words each. (3 x 10 = 30)
3	Write a short notes on Moral order and the role of God according to Fichte.
4	How does Hegel view crime, punishment and dignity of criminals?
5	What does Kierkegaard say about The Dialectic of Man: A Three-Stage Journey?
6	Briefly describe Sartre's Philosophy of the World.
7	Explain with examples Heidegger's concepts of Man as Thrownness and Man as Care Taker.
SECTION C – K4 (CO3)	
	Answer any TWO of the following in 200 words each. (2 x 12.5 = 25)
8	Illustrate Marcel's claim of the Impossibility of Proving God and the Possibility of Encountering God.
9	Describe with analogy the Practical Philosophy in Schelling's Thought.
10	With Reference to Nietzsche's concept of God is Dead, describe his Harsh Criticism of Christianity and Clergy.
11	Explain Jasper's philosophy of Man with suitable example.
SECTION D – K5 (CO4)	
	Answer any ONE of the following in 500 words (1 x 15 = 15)
12	Explain with appropriate examples Sartre's Philosophy of Man and God.
13	Elaborately describe Schopenhauer's Doctrine and relate it to your life experiences.
SECTION E – K6 (CO5)	
	Answer any ONE of the following in 1000 words (1 x 20 = 20)
14	Explain Kierkegaard's view on God and share your opinions. Justify your answer.
15	Illustrate Nietzsche's Philosophy of the Human Person.

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