PG Odd Semester Examination, 2022

PHILOSOPHY

(3rd Semester)

Course No.: PHICC-301

(Phenomenology and Existentialism)

Full Marks: 70

Pass Marks: 28

Time: 3 hours

The figures in the right margin indicate full marks for the question.
Answer any five questions, taking one from each unit.

UNIT-I

1. Define Phenomenology. Why does Husserl call it an 'Eidetic Science'? Discuss in detail some of the fundamental traits of Husserlian phenomenology. 3+3+8

2. Can logic and epistemology be reduced into psychology? Why does Husserl refute to characterize phenomenology as a 'descriptive psychology'? What are his main arguments against psychologism? Discuss critically. 2+3+9

UNIT-II

3. What is the significance of 'Epoche' in Husserl's phenomenology? Can we bracket the subject in the process of suspension? Give an account Husserl's transcendintal subject. 5+2+7

4. 'Consciosness is the conscious of something as something"— What does Husserl mean by it? Discuss in this regard the central thesis of phenomenology. 14

UNIT-III

5. Why does Sartre contend that the ego is a hindrance to consciousness? Discuss in the light of his essay, 'The Transcendence of the Ego'. 14

6. (a) What is perception, according to Merleam Ponty? Why does he deny to accept any dichotomy between subject and object? 4+4

   (b) Discuss his account of 'body-subject'. 6

UNIT-IV

7. (a) What is the philosophical significance of Existentialism? 8+6

   (b) Explain how the Existentialists justify the statement, Existence Precedes Essence'.

8. (a) What are the two theoretical positions of Existentialism? 5+9

   (b) Discuss in this connection the stances of Soren Kierkegaard and Jean Paul Sartre.

UNIT-V

9. Make a critical analysis of Sartre's concept of freedom. 14

10. Explicate Emmanuel Levina's argument that 'Ethics is the first philosophy'. 14

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