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2025

PHILOSOPHY

(Major)

Paper : PHLMAJ2044

(Western Philosophy)

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 28

Time : Three hours

***The figures in the margin indicate
full marks for the questions.***

1. Choose the correct answer from the following : $1 \times 6 = 6$

(a) 'Existence precedes Essence' is famous statement related to :

(i) Idealism

(ii) Existentialism

(iii) Empiricism

(iv) Logical positivism

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(b) Karl Popper's theory is stated on:

(i) Hypothesis

(ii) Falsification

(iii) Analytical

(iv) Synthesis

(c) _____ is considered the father of logical positivism.

(i) Mortinz Schlick

(ii) A.J. Ayer

(iii) Wittgstein

(iv) Rudolf Carnap

(d) Founder of existentialism _____.

(i) Sartre

(ii) Keirkegaard

(iii) Martin Heidegger

(iv) Edmund Husserl

(e) _____ is widely considered the father of idealism.

(i) Berkeley

(ii) Kant

(iii) Plato

(iv) Descartes

(f) Who is recognised as a founder of phenomenology?

(i) Edmund Husserl

(ii) Martin Heidegger

(iii) Karl Popper

(iv) Sartre

2. Answer the following questions : **(any five)**
2×5=10

(a) Define the nature of western philosophy.

(b) Write *two* prominent trends in western philosophy.

(c) Define basic characters of Analytical Philosophy.

(d) What is elimination of Metaphysics?

(e) Write *two* basic points of Logical Positivism.

(f) Define phenomenology.

(g) Distinguish between 'en soi' and 'pour soi'.

3. Answer the following questions : **(any six)**
5×6=30

(a) Write briefly nature and scope of Western Philosophy.

- (b) Explain shortly on Analytical Philosophy.
- (c) Write short note on continental philosophy.
- (d) Explain briefly problems of Metaphysics in the light of Existentialism.
- (e) Write short note on characteristics of Idealism.
- (f) Explain the basic concepts of phenomenology.
- (g) Write a brief outline of Existentialism.
- (h) Write short note on Logical Positivism.
- (i) What is Metaphysics? Write briefly.

4. Answer the following questions : **(any two)**

12×2=24

- (a) What is phenomenology? Distinguish between phenomenology and existentialism.
- (b) Write clearly "Theory of falsification" with reference to Karl Popper.
- (c) Explain 'Rejection of Metaphysics' in the light of logical positivism.
- (d) 'Existence preceds essence', explain in the context of existentialism.