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**63/1 (Sem-4) CC9/PHLHC4096**

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**PHILOSOPHY**

Paper : PHLHC4096

***(Text of Western Philosophy)***

*Full Marks : 80*

*Pass Marks : 32*

Time : Three hours

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

1. Choose the correct answer from the following: ***(any six)*** ***1×6=6***
- (a) Sartre claims that if existence precedes essence, then
- (i) there is determinism
  - (ii) man is free
  - (iii) there is God
  - (iv) there is belief

*Contd.*

(b) "Every man is born as many men and dies as single one" is famous line of

- (i) Jean Paul Sartre
- (ii) Martin Heidegger
- (iii) Thomas Nagel
- (iv) Richard Rorty

(c) Richard Rorty argues that the pragmatist holds a view that could be described as

- (i) ethnocentric
- (ii) objectivist
- (iii) self-refuting
- (iv) equivocal

(d) Thomas Nagel claims that the primary object of moral judgement is

- (i) a state of affairs
- (ii) an action
- (iii) a state of belief
- (iv) a person

(e) By 'anguish', Sartre means

- (i) a grief
- (ii) a feeling of total and deep responsibility
- (iii) a feeling of having no control over one's life fate
- (iv) a sense of uncertainty about whether one's action is objectivity right

(f) The driving principle of Richard Rorty's pragmatism is

- (i) Truth
- (ii) Honesty
- (iii) Virtue
- (iv) Solidarity

(g) What were the existentialist seeking ?

- (i) To understand God
- (ii) To understand themselves
- (iii) To understand meaning of being
- (iv) To understand other life in the universe

- (h) In Sartre view, when one chooses how to live one is choosing
- (i) only for oneself
  - (ii) for all of one's family
  - (iii) for all of one's friends
  - (iv) for all people
- (i) According to Sartre, the starting point of existentialism is
- (i) objectivity
  - (ii) subjectivity
  - (iii) recognition of death
  - (iv) denial of other minds
- (j) Nagel claims that most skeptical arguments are
- (i) the result of applying arbitrarily stringent standard
  - (ii) based on linguistic confusions
  - (iii) logically self-refuting
  - (iv) grow from the consistent application of ordinary standard

2. Answer the following questions in brief :  
**(any five)** 2×5=10
- (a) Define existentialism.
  - (b) Write *two* books of Thomas Nagel.
  - (c) State Sartre's atheism.
  - (d) What is Heidegger philosophy called ?
  - (e) What is Rorty's philosophy says about truth?
  - (f) Define Rorty's conception about language.
  - (g) What are the *two* types of being, according to Sartre ?
3. Answer the following questions : **(any six)**  
5×6=30
- (a) Write briefly on principles of Sartre's philosophy.
  - (b) State briefly Heidegger's concept of 'Dasein'.
  - (c) Write short note on 'edifying' philosophy of Richard Rorty.
  - (d) Sartre's existentialism is a Humanism. Write briefly.

(e) Write short note on Nagel's belief about consciousness.

(f) What is the concept of the last word of Nagel ? Write briefly.

(g) Answer shortly on 'Temporality' of Heidegger.

(h) Write short note on 'Being-in-itself' and 'Being-for-itself' of Sartre's conception.

(i) Write briefly the concept of Time in reference to Heidegger's philosophy.

(j) Write about authentic and inauthentic life in the context of Sartre's existentialism.

4. Answer the following questions : **(any two)**  
10×2=20

(a) Elucidate to Sartre's perspective on freedom.

(b) What is humanism? Explain humanism in the light of Heidegger's philosophy.

(c) Explain clearly the philosophy of Richard Rorty in the light of philosophy and mirror of nature.

(d) What is the concept of the last word in the context of Thomas Nagel's philosophy ? Explains.

5. Answer the following questions : **(any one)**  
14×1=14

(a) Do you agree with Jean Paul Sartre that existence precedes essence ? Why or why not ? Explain critically.

(b) Explain critically Martin Heidegger's concept of 'Dasein'.

(c) Discuss critically Richard Rorty's philosophy and its importance in the light of 'neopragmatism'.