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DSE-P3-PHILOSOPHY

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 60

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

**The question paper contains GROUP-A and GROUP-B.
The candidates are instructed to choose any *one* from *two* Groups.
Candidates should mention it clearly on the Answer Book.**

GROUP-A

INTRODUCTION TO FEMINIST PHILOSOPHY

SECTION-I

1. Answer any *four* of the following: 3×4 = 12
- (a) What is feminism? 3
 - (b) What do you mean by gender? 3
 - (c) What is the meaning of patriarchy? 3
 - (d) What is ethics of care? 3
 - (e) What are the features of ecofeminism? 3
 - (f) What is the meaning of the term transgender? 3

SECTION-II

2. Answer any *four* of the following: 6×4 = 24
- (a) Write a note on philosophical basis of feminism. Is there any distinction between ‘sex’ and ‘gender’? 3+3
 - (b) Discuss the importance of women empowerment in India. 6
 - (c) Discuss the fundamental difference between liberal and radical approach of feminism. 3+3
 - (d) Explain different waves of feminism. 6
 - (e) Write a short essay on transgender human rights. 6
 - (f) Write a note on the problems faced by women in work place. 6

SECTION-III

3. Answer any *two* of the following: 12×2 = 24
- (a) Write a note on contribution of Marry Wollstonecraft on feminism. 12
 - (b) Critically discuss ecofeminism as a form of feminist philosophy. Is ecofeminism necessarily feminist in nature? 10+2

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| (c) Write an essay on the moral dimension of feminism. | 12 |
| (d) "The personal is political" — Elucidate this statement. Does feminism subscribe to this view? | 10+2 |

GROUP-B

PHENOMENOLOGY AND EXISTENTIALISM

SECTION-I

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| 1. Answer any <i>four</i> of the following: | 3×4 = 12 |
| (a) What do you mean by existentialism? | 3 |
| (b) What do you mean by 'epoche'? | 3 |
| (c) What is <i>dasein</i> ? | 3 |
| (d) What do you mean by existentialist style of philosophizing? Discuss. | 3 |
| (e) What is meant by 'phenomena' and 'phenomenology'? | 3 |
| (f) What is fundamental category in existentialism? | 3 |

SECTION-II

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| 2. Answer any <i>four</i> of the following: | 6×4 = 24 |
| (a) Describe phenomenological intuition. | 6 |
| (b) Discuss Husserl's concept of philosophy as a religious science. | 6 |
| (c) Explain how Husserl's philosophical radicalism differs from that of Descartes. | 6 |
| (d) Determine the place of God in existentialist thought with reference to Sartre. | 6 |
| (e) Discuss after Husserl the notion of psychologism and the defects of psychologism. | 3+3 |
| (f) Explain the existential thesis — 'Existence precedes essence'. | 6 |

SECTION-III

Answer any *two* of the following

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| | 12×2 = 24 |
| 3. Explain Husserl's thesis of intentionality. How far is Husserl indebted to Brentano in formulating his theory of intentionality? Discuss. | 12 |
| 4. Write a note on the existentialist concept of 'Bad-faith'. | 12 |
| 5. What is phenomenological reduction? Is phenomenological reduction a method? | 10+2 |
| 6. Explain the notion of 'being' and 'nothingness' in Sartre's existentialism. | 12 |

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