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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

- (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**

1. Answer any *four* 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 *dasein*? 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**

2. Answer any *four* 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 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