

M.A. Examination, 2017
Semester-II
Philosophy
Course –VI
(Phenomenology & Existentialism)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 40

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin.

Answer **any four** questions.

1. Distinguish between the sciences of essences and the sciences of facts. Explicate the difference in terms of intuition of essences. 10
 2. Discuss the method of phenomenological *epoché* (bracketing) in detail. How does it enable us to progress with the reduction? 10
 3. How does Kierkegaard universalize the personal events of his life as three distinct phases or levels of human existence? Explain with examples. 10
 4. What does Kierkegaard mean by 'objective truth'? Why does he criticise the Hegelian idea of objective truth? Does the notion of subjective truth make sense? Give a reasoned answer. 3+3+4
 5. What are the two fundamental modes of being, according to Sartre? Explain in detail. 10
 6. Write short notes on **any two** of the following: 5×2
 - a) Bad faith.
 - b) Noema and Noesis.
 - c) Nothing less lying at the heart of consciousness
 - d) Transcendental Ego.
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