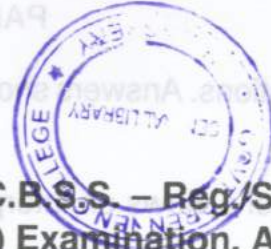




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PHILOSOPHY

PHI4C14 : Contemporary Continental Philosophers

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

PART – A

Answer **any one** question. Answers should **not** exceed **800** words. **Each** question carries **15** marks.

1. Critically examine 'the problem of other' in the philosophy of Levinas.
2. Explain Althusser's understanding of Ideological State Apparatuses and analyse its difference from Repressive State Apparatuses.
3. Examine Foucault's understanding of the relation between knowledge and power. (1×15=15)

PART – B

Answer **any three** questions. Answers should **not** exceed **400** words. **Each** question carries **10** marks.

4. Explain the concept of 'transcendental signifier' according to Derrida.
5. Discuss Rorty's position against 'God's-eye viewpoint' which states that transcendent subject is capable of experiencing the power of truth.
6. Explain Lyotard's criticism of Metanarratives.
7. Examine Deleuze's concept of philosophy.
8. Discuss Adorno's notion of possibility as represented in *Negative Dialectics*.
9. Briefly explain the pragmatic validity behind the meaning of speech, in the philosophy of Habermas. (3×10=30)

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PART – C

Answer **any three** questions. Answers should **not** exceed **200** words. **Each** question carries **5** marks.

- 10. Examine Gadamer's views on interpretation of a text.
- 11. Describe Saussure's position that the link between signal and signification is arbitrary.
- 12. Discuss Lacan's claim, 'we are *who we are* only in relation to other people'.
- 13. What is Derrida's purpose in coining the word *Differance* ? Explain.
- 14. Describe Althusser's two theses on ideology.
- 15. Do you agree with this thesis that 'ethics is the first philosophy' ? Why ?

(3×5=15)

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