

**QP CODE**  
**H2016**

Enrollment Number: .....  
Name: .....

**M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, FEBRUARY 2026**  
**Third Semester**  
**M.A. Philosophy**  
**M23PH09DC – Continental Philosophy**  
**(2024 July admissions)**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**Max Marks: 70**

**Section A**

**Answer any ten of the following questions in a word or sentence each. Each question carries 1 mark.**

1. Name the pioneer thinker in modern Phenomenology.
2. Define *Dasein*.
3. Name any two major works of Merleau-Ponty.
4. Who is considered as the father of existentialism?
5. Define Nihilism in existential thinking.
6. Define the concept of *Overman*.
7. Name the author of *Being and Nothingness*.
8. Define *Structuralism*.
9. Describe *langue*.
10. *Of Grammatology* is the seminal work of .....
11. Define the term *Difference* in Saussaurian thought.
12. Explain *Hermeneutics* as a philosophical method.
13. What is meant by *Discourse* in Foucauldian thought?
14. Define the notion of *dialogue* in Hermeneutics.
15. Who declared that 'God is dead' in existentialist thinking?

**(1X10=10)**

**Section B**

**Answer any five of the following questions in two or three sentences each. Each question carries 2 marks.**

16. Who said Phenomenology is a descriptive science? Explain.
17. Write a note on phenomenological reduction.
18. Explain Dasein's *Being-in-the-world*.
19. Discuss Merleau-Ponty's idea of primacy of perception.
20. Why existence precedes essence for the existentialists.

21. Define *Alienation* according to Existentialism.
22. What is leap of faith?
23. Briefly explain the Phenomenology of perception.
24. Explain *They-self*.
25. Name the author of *Being and Time*.

(2X5=10)

### Section C

**Answer any five of the following questions in a paragraph each. Each question carries 4 marks.**

26. Distinguish between *being-in-itself* and *being-for-itself*.
27. Bring out the basic tenets of Existentialism.
28. Explain the synchronic study of language in Saussure.
29. Explicate *syntagmatic* and *paradigmatic* differences.
30. Examine how poststructuralism analyse our understanding of identity.
31. Write a note on *sign*, *signifier* and *signified*.
32. Explain the relationship between *Knowledge* and *Power* according to Foucault.
33. Elucidate Foucault's theory of the genealogy of the self.

(4X5=20)

### Section D

**Answer any three of the following questions in two pages each. Each question carries 10 marks.**

34. 'Hermeneutics is the process of deciphering'. Explain.
35. For Gadamer, truth is historical and context dependent. Discuss.
36. Examine how human subjectivity is historically constructed through power and knowledge, according to Foucault.
37. For Sartre, human beings are condemned to be free. Comment
38. Give an account of Kierkegaard's stages of life.
39. Give an exposition of Husserl's Phenomenological methods.

(10X3=30)