

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI 600 086

(For candidates admitted during the academic year 2008-09)

SUBJECT CODE: SC/AC/HI54

B. A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2010

BRANCH XII – ENGLISH

FIFTH SEMESTER

COURSE : ALLIED – CORE  
PAPER : HISTORY OF IDEAS  
TIME : 3 HOURS

MAX.MARKS:100

**Section A**

**Answer ALL the questions in 30 words each**

**(10 × 2 = 20)**

1. Mention any two important works of Rousseau
2. Write a brief note on Rousseau's conception of man in prehistoric times.
3. What does Hegel mean by 'absolute spirit'?
4. What do you understand by 'Base'?
5. Outline the Marxian dialectics.
6. On theme 'mind-and-matter', state the views of Marx.
7. What is evolution?
8. Write a short note on *Existentialism*.
9. What is vulgar Marxism, according to Sartre?
10. State the importance of *Id* in human personality.

**Section B**

**Answer any FIVE questions in 300 words each**

**(5 × 8 = 40)**

11. Bring out the Sartrean notion of existence and essence.
12. Comment on Nietzsche's Apollonian principle.
13. Was Darwin suggesting that great civilizations were founded on law of jungle? Elucidate.
14. Explicate the idea of nothingness as expounded by Sartre.
15. Sketch out the beginnings of civil society as portrayed in the works of Rousseau.
16. What did Hegel mean by Triadic movement? Explain its significance.
17. Explain Dialectical and Historical Materialism.
18. Compare Freud's concept of super ego with Rousseau's portrait of noble savage.

**Section C**

**Answer any TWO questions in 1200 words each**

**(2 × 20 = 40)**

19. Evaluate the contributions of Sartre to critical literature.
20. Analyze Nietzsche's idea of *Übermensch* and demonstrate its relation to his other ideas.
21. Present an assessment of Freudian psycho-analysis on the world of ideas.
22. Discuss Hegel's philosophy of nature and relate the same with his notion of 'being'.

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