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2025_2 EXAMINATIONS

Course Code: PHL 312

Course Title: Phenomenology, Hermeneutics and Existentialism

Credit Unit: 2

Time Allowed: 2hrs

Instruction: Answer Any Three Questions (All Questions carry equal marks of 23.33%)

1. (a) Critically discuss the goals of phenomenology. **11.33 marks**
(b) Evaluate the central concern of existentialism. **12 marks**

Total 23.33 marks

2. (a) Philosophical hermeneutics is a theory of understanding and interpretation, Discuss? **11.33 marks**
(b) Provide two definitions of phenomenology and analyse them. **12 marks**

Total 23.33 marks

3. (a) What are the key features of philosophical hermeneutics? **10 marks**
(b) Trace the historical development of philosophical hermeneutics. **13.33 marks**

Total 23.33 marks

4. (a) Identify and explain the connection between existentialism, phenomenology and hermeneutics. **12 marks**

(b) Critically discuss the theory of understanding and interpretation according to Gadamer? **11.33 marks**

Total 23.33 marks