Ans. to Q. No 4: a) True b) False c) False

Ans. to Q. No. 5: By the phrase "existence precedes essence" Sartre suggests that there is no extra human entity like God to design and determine human essence. It is not possible to explain the nature of man the way the nature of an object is explained. Man comes to existence in the world as an essence-less being and thereafter he creates his essence through the activities he performs according to his choice. In Sartre's words, by "existence precedes essence" we mean that man first exists: he materializes in the world, encounters himself, and only afterwards defines himself". There is no God to control his fate, no principle to influence human values.



12.11 MODEL QUESTIONS

A) Very Short Questions

Q.1. Name the text in which Sartre extensively discusses the concepts of human existence and essence.

Q.2. What is considered as the point of departure for Sartre's existentialism?

Q. 3. Who for the first time formulated the phrase "existence precedes essence"?

B) Short Questions: (Answer in about within 150-200 words)

Q. 1. What is the role of choice in the making of human essence?

Q. 2. How does being-for-itself differ from being-in-itself? Discuss briefly.

Q. 3. We cannot explain the nature of man in the same way we explain the nature of other manufactured objects. Discuss.

C) Long Questions: (Answer in about within 300-500 words)

Q.1. How Sartre emphasises on the priority of subjectivity over objectivity? Discuss.

Q.2. Write a critical note on Sartre's doctrine "existence precedes essence".

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