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Philosophy paper.

Q. no. 5 What do you understand by Dialectics? Critically evaluate Hegel's Dialectical Method.

Answer Synopsis:

It was a turning point in philosophy when Hegel gave his concept of Dialectical method and rejected the metaphysical questions through sensible statements. His idea of thesis, anti-thesis and synthesis contains the core of dialectic which aims to expose the sensible equations.

Exploring the term Dialectics:

Dialectics can be understood by understanding the process through which unprovable statement of metaphysics are preferred by sensible and logical statements that could be proved by empirical data.

Logical Positivism:

It was designed to tackle the traditional problems of metaphysics and speculative philosophy. Logical positivism is as it

is also called empiricism gave birth to the scientific study of things that could be proved with empirical evidence which is sensible and logical.

Hegel's Dialectical Method:

To understand the Hegelian dialectics we first have to understand the origin of the idea.

Vienna Philosophers:

A group of philosophers who altogether abolished metaphysics by sensible and empirical equations. They gave birth to logical positivism.

"What is actual is rational and what is rational is actual."

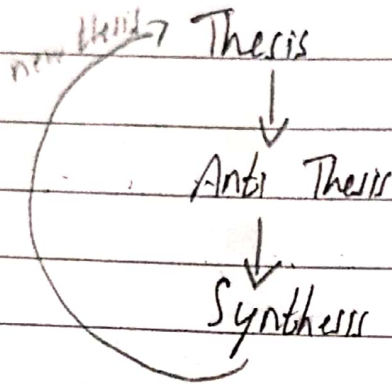
Hegel.

Hegel's Views:

Hegel advocated for rationality of things rather than mere speculation of normative truths. His focus was on finding answers to things that could be proved. Instead of speculating about the matters that were beyond the grasp of

human beings

Dialectical Method



The Hegelian Dialectical method had 3 major steps 1, Thesis

2, Anti-Thesis

3, Synthesis

Let's discuss them one by one.

Thesis

Anti Thesis

Synthesis

A problem of a question will generate a thesis to make an understanding of a problem

The thesis will create an antithesis. The conflict between ideas will give rise to a more stable thesis known as synthesis.

The resolution of conflict between thesis and antithesis will make synthesis. The synthesis will be a new thesis.

For new cycle.

Role of Language:

Hegel studied the importance of language. He saw language not just as a mere tool for communication but with ability to study the discourse.

Connection between Dialecticism of Hegel with Marx Materialism.

Marx Materialism is an advance form of Hegel Dialectics. Both define conflict and its resolution. However Hegel stresses upon the conflict of ideas, Marx was of view that material conflict was a major contributor to the change of history.

Criticism of Hegel Dialectical Method:

Many philosophers have criticized the method due to its many short comings. Few of the prominent critics points include:

→ Critics have criticized the unclear and hard language which makes his text difficult to comprehend.

→ It is criticized for its 3 step process which will lead to the

domination of strong and major ideologies.

→ Through this method minority will be suppressed

→ No true can prevail through his dialectic method.

Critical Analysis:

Though Hegel Dialectic Method changed the course of history, it had its shortcomings as well. Hegel was right to understand the birth of conflict, contradictions and their resolutions, but he was also flawed in taking care of minority that subjugates through his method. The idea was later improved by the Leninist philosophy of Marxism.

Inference:

The rise of conflict and contradiction will reach a new conclusion and this new conclusion will be on base of a new revolution. This is correct and mind of the previous ages worked on this principle. But it is also pertinent to understand that through this method only we'll follow

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strong ideologies will survive. The Hegelian method came the way to deal with philosophical questions but it gave a sense for the philosopher to find the truth, not just merely methods. Marx materialism was an improved form of Hegel method and it paved the way for modern philosophy.
