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Quiz 3

Question 1: b. Beauvoir thinks that gender is not a natural fact but an historical idea. She separates the meaning of “sex” and “gender”. She argues that things such as embodiment and gendered-ness are essential realities. Beauvoir supposes that gender is a cultural invention: it is society that determines what these biological different signify.

Question 2: b. existence precedes essence is one of the most important idea for Sartre. He things that people exist first, then his behaviors, decisions, and things build his essence. Furthermore, this is also become the foundation of his argument about “bad faith”. The bad faith is some kind of rejection which someone denies his own existence and only cares about his essence.

Question 3: a. Heidegger means everything that is, not just things or human beings, but most importantly being itself, which underlies all that is and is referred to. His Dasein is immersed in the messy and coercive world around it from the outset and makes its way to self-awareness only through a long and never fully realized process in time.