

2011

M.A.

2nd Semester Examination

PHILOSOPHY

PAPER—PHI-204

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 Hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

[Western Ethics]

Answer any *two* questions from Group—A
and *one* question from Group—B.

Group—A

1. ".... There is a clear conflict between utilitarianism and ordinary moral opinion" — Critically discuss the view with the example of 'desert-island-promise'. 16
2. Briefly state some main characteristics of Stevenson's emotivism. 16
3. Discuss elaborately the concept of 'justice as fairness', according to Rawls. 16

4. (a) What, according to Kant, is good will?
 (b) Explicate, in detail, the formula of humanity as an end in-itself after Kant. 4+12

Group—B

5. Does the idea of contract underlying Rawl's theory of justice impose limitations on its scope? Discuss. 8
6. Distinguish between inclination and moral sense of duty, according to Kant. 8
7. Answer the questions below following Kant : 2×4
- (a) What is maxim?
- (b) What is universal law?
- (c) State the first formulation of the categorical imperative.
- (d) Mention Kant's first and second propositions about duty.
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