2016

M.A.

3rd Semester Examination

PHILOSOPHY

PAPER—PHI-304

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 Hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

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

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.

(Applied Philosophy)

Unit–I

Group-A

Answer any *one* question.

1. Discuss, after Peter Singer, the moral justification for affirmative action. 16

2. Critically examine the issue of rape, following Pamela Foa.

16

(Turn Over)

Group-B

Answer any *one* question.

3. Explain P. Singer's arguments for sexual equality. 4

4. Why is it said that rape, would be wrong because it is an "incursion" into a domain ? 4

Unit–II

Group-A

Answer any *one* question.

5. (a) How does D. Jacquette define moral rights and legal rights ? 6

   (b) Explain, after Jacquette, the relation between right and responsibility legal and moral. 10

6. What is capital punishment ? Discuss the main arguments against capital punishment. 4+12

Group-B

Answer any *one* question.

7. Explain clearly the notion of internal moral sanction. 4

8. Explain any two arguments in favour of capital punishment following Kant. 4

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(*Philosophy of Cognitive Science*)

Unit–I

Group-A

Answer any *one* question.

1. (a) Name any five contributing disciplines with which cognitive science shares some common set of questions regarding mind.

   (b) Explain, in this regard, the interdisciplinary nature of cognitive science. $2\frac{1}{2}+13\frac{1}{2}$

2. (a) Explain briefly the nature of representations and the nature of objects of representation. Answer after Crane.

   (b) Which, according to Crane is the most fundamental form of representation ? $14+2$

Group-B

Answer any *one* question.

3. What are the two aspects of thought ? Answer with examples after Crane. 4

4. Mention some problems regarding the computational theory of mind. 4

(Turn Over)

Unit–II

Group-A
Answer any *one* question.

5. Discuss, with a diagram, the structure and function of a computer hardward. 16

6. Does the human cognitive architecture remain uniform across individuals ? Critically explain with examples. 16

Group-B
Answer any *one* question.

7. What does a computer's software do ? Briefly state. 4

8. State two reasons for giving importance to cognitive psychology by the cognitive scientists. 4

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