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M.A.

4th Semester Examination

PHILOSOPHY

PAPER—PHI-409 & 411

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.

(Applied Philosophy)

(Paper - PHI-409)

Answer any *three* questions. Two from Group—A and *one* from Group—B.

Group—A

Answer any *two* questions from the following.

1. Explain Peter Singer's view that the basic principle of equality is the principle of equal consideration of interest.

2. Do you think that it is possible to reconcile compassion with competitiveness in Commerce? Give reasons in support of your answer. 16
3. (a) What do you mean by racial discrimination?
(b) Explain and examine in this connection the view of racial conservatives. 4+12
4. Discuss the view that not helping the poor is morally equivalent to killing following Peter Singer. 16

Group—B

Answer any *one* question from the following.

5. Explain the liberal view in favour of gender discrimination. 8
6. Write a short note on reverse discrimination. 8
7. Competitiveness in business life affects the morality of a businessman negatively. Discuss shortly. 8

(Philosophy of Cognitive Science)

(Paper - PHI-411)

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

Group—A

1. State the relation between cognitive science and five main contributing disciplines. 16
2. Which type of knowledge does Ryle think is the fundamental one and why? Answer the question according to knowledge representation problem. 16
3. Write a short essay on mental representation after Tim Crane. 16
4. State and explain the theory of functionalism as a theory of mind. 16

Group—B

5. What are the different types of knowledge according to Stillings (and others). Answer with examples. 8

6. Briefly explain the resemblance theory of pictorial representation. 8
 7. State The No Free Will Objection' against Artificial Intelligence Theory. 8
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