M.A. 3rd Semester Examination, 2018

PHILOSOPHY

PAPER —PHI-303

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate 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

Answer any **one** question from GROUP—A and any **one** question from GROUP—B

GROUP—A

1.　(*a*)　What do you mean by racial discrimination ?

(*b*) Explain how Peter Singer deals with the concept of racial discrimination in his Practial Ethics.   4 + 12

2. (*a*) What are the different forms of violence against women in our society ?

  (*b*) Discuss in this context Pamela Foa's view.

                                     6 + 10

GROUP—B

3. Write a short note on the principle of equal consideration of interest as a basis of equality.   4

4. How does the conservatives try to establish their view regarding gender-discrimination ?   4

UNIT — II

Answer any **one** question from GROUP—A and any **one** question from GROUP—B

GROUP—A

5. Discuss the ethical acceptability of capital punishment with special reference to Mill and Kant.   10 + 6

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6. Do you think that it is possible to reconcile compassion with competitiveness in commerce ? Give reasons.   16

GROUP—B

7. State and explain any two arguments against capital punishment.   4

8. Give a brief note on consumerism in business.   4

(*Philosophy of Cognitive Science*)

UNIT — I

Answer any **one** question from GROUP—A and any **one** question from GROUP—B

GROUP—A

1. (*a*) Explain the nature of cognitive science.

   (*b*) Can it be said that cognitive science is a basic science ? Discuss.   8 + 8

2. Can 'resemblance' be the necessary and sufficient conditions for characterising 'pictorial representation' ? Explain after Crane.   16

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3. Explain in brief the interdisciplinary nature of cognitive science.   4

4. What are the syntactic properties of a symbol ?   4

UNIT – II

Answer any **one** question from GROUP—A and any **one** question from GROUP—B

GROUP—A

5. Write an essay on some elementary concept of computer.   16

6. Elaborate the nature of cognitive psychology.   16

GROUP—B

7. (a) What is analytical engine ?

    (b) Who designed analytical engine ?

    (c) What is the importance of analytical engine ?

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8. What is cognitive architecture ?   4