

M.A. 3rd Semester Examination, 2019

PHILOSOPHY

PAPER — PHI-305

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 hours

Answer all questions

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

Write the answers to questions of each Group in separate books wherever necessary

(Applied Philosophy)

GROUP—A

1. Answer any *four* questions : 2 × 4
(a) Define racism.

- (b) Distinguish between sex and gender.
- (c) What is meant by 'moral personality' ?
- (d) What is the meaning of 'reservation system' ?
- (e) What is media ethics ?
- (f) What is 'managerial moral responsibility' ?
- (g) What is the notion of 'desert' ?
- (h) What are the issues associated in the 'blurring of the line between fact and fiction in news reporting' ?

GROUP-B

2. Answer any *four* questions : 4 × 4

- (a) What is the 'I. Q. level Test' argument of conservative groups in support of racial discrimination ? Discuss.
- (b) Why does Peter Singer say that moral personality does not provide any satisfactory bases of equality ?

- (c) Briefly discuss the arguments in favour of gender discrimination.
- (d) Bring out the specific nature of rape as violence against women.
- (e) What is the 'best bet argument' which Ernest Van der Haag proposes ? Explain.
- (f) "Miscarriages of justice occur. Capital punishment is to be rejected because of human fallibility in convicting innocent parties and sentencing them to death". Elucidate the view. Do you agree with it ?
- (g) What are the moral issues related to the deception and dishonesty in news reporting ?
- (h) Does the idea of "right to know" raise any moral dilemma in news reporting ? Explain.

GROUP-C

3. Answer any *two* questions : 8 × 2

- (a) Critically explain the concept of reverse discrimination following Peter Singer.

- (b) State and explain the principle of equal consideration of interests as a basis of equality with suitable examples.
- (c) Present and critically examine the retributivist argument in defence of the death penalty.
- (d) What are the utilitarian rationales which Louis P Pojman presents in defence of the capital punishment? Present your assessment of Pojman's views.

(Philosophy of Cognitive Science)

GROUP—A

1. Answer any *four* questions : 2 × 4
- (a) What does the term 'cognition' refer ?
 - (b) In which book does Jerry Fodor develop the language of thought hypothesis ?
 - (c) Name some early philosophers who had significantly discussed about mind.

- (d) What are the issues which cognitive psychologists are concerned ?
- (e) What sorts of things can be objects of representations ?
- (f) What is the most fundamental form of representation ?
- (g) What is representation according to Tim Crane ?
- (h) Why is it held that the concept of consciousness is a hybrid one ?

GROUP—B

2. Answer any *four* questions : 4 × 4

- (a) What are the main disciplines that help cognitive science to develop theories ?
- (b) How does behaviourism play an important role in cognitive science ?
- (c) Explain some ideas related to the origin of *cognitive science*.

- (d) Briefly explain the role of linguists and neuroscientists in cognitive science.
- (e) What is the particular method of investigation in cognitive science that has contributed by cognitive psychology ?
- (f) What are the reason to discuss about cognitive psychology as closely related to cognitive science ?
- (g) Name, after Tim Crane, some sorts of things which can represent some other things.
- (h) Briefly explain some characteristics of the language of thought Hypothesis.

GROUP-C

3. Answer any *two* questions : 8 × 2

(a) Briefly discuss the role of computer science and philosophy in cognitive science.

(b) Write a short note on the notion of cognitive architecture.

- (c) What is phenomenal consciousness ?
- (d) What is the unique feature that is indicated by the expression 'X represents Y', according to Crane ?
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