

**2010**

**M.A.**

**4th Semester Examination**

**PHILOSOPHY**

**PAPER—PHI-2210**

*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]**

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

**Group—A**

Answer any *two* from the following :

1. (a) Explain with suitable examples, the different types of euthanasia in the context of human beings.  
(b) Is voluntary euthanasia morally justifiable? Answer after Peter Singer. 8+8
  
2. (a) State the 'last-man' argument.  
(b) How does Routley use this argument against the dominant tradition of western ethics? Explain.

*(Turn Over)*

- (c) How does the dominant tradition of western ethics respond to Routley's use of this argument? Discuss. 4+4+8
3. Can it be stated that suicide is morally acceptable? Justify your answer. 16
4. Can a fetus have any significant right to life? Justify your answer. 16

### Group—B

Answer any *one* question of the following :

5. (i) Explain the bio-centric outlook on nature.  
 (ii) How does this outlook enable us to have respect for nature? 4+4
6. The feminist argument about abortion. 8
7. Distinction between euthanasia and genocide. 8
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