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M.A.

2nd Semester Examination

PHILOSOPHY

PAPER—PHI-202

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.*

[ Indian Ethics ]

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

Group—A

Answer any two of the following.

1. (a) Explain the concept of *dharma* in Indian (Hindu) ethics with reference to the concept of *ṛta*.  
(b) How does Manu define *dharma*? 12+4
2. Give an outline of Jaina ethics with reference to the concept of *triratna*. 16
3. (a) Explain the four pillars of *Brahmavihāra* according to the Buddhist ethics.  
(b) Explain, in this connection, the result of *Brahmavihāra*. 12+4

4. (a) What is the main difference between Gandhian ethics and traditional Indian ethics ?
- (b) Explain the Gandhian ethics of non-violence (*ahimsā*) as the first cardinal virtue of Indian ethics. 2+14

**Group—B**

Answer any one of the following.

5. (a) Why is *Gīta* called *Upaniṣad* ?
- (b) Explain the nature of *sthītaprajñā* after the *Gīta*. 3+5
6. Explain the concept of *saṁānya dharma*, according to *Pras'astapāda*. 8
7. (a) What are the five great vows (*pañca - mahāvratā*) in Jainism ?
- (b) Explain the Jaina principle of *ahimsā* as the greatest vow. 2+6