

**2007**

**PHILOSOPHY**

**PAPER—IV**

*Full Marks : 100*

*Time : 4 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.*

*Write the answer to questions of each Half in separate books.*

*Answer any six questions, taking three from each half.*

**First Half**

1. Explain and examine the four stges of human life in accordance with the classification of duties. 16
2. How does Manu classify *sādhāraṇa dharma* ? Discuss  
16
3. (a) Why is the *Gītā* called *Upaniṣad* ?  
(b) In what sense has the word 'yoga' been used in the *Gītā* ?

- (c) Explain the significance of the following verse of the *Gītā* :

*Karmaṇye vādhikāraṣṭe mā  
phaleṣu kadācana |  
mā karmaphalaheturbhūrmā te  
saṅgo'stvakarmaṇi ||*

4+4+8

4. Explain the concept of 'ṛta' in Indian Ethics. 16
5. Write short notes on any two of the following : 8+8
- (a) *Vidhi* and *niṣedha*  
(b) *Yama* and *niyama*  
(c) The concept of *ahimsā* in the Yoga  
(d) *varṇa - dharma*.
6. (a) Answer any two questions from the following : 4×2
- (i) What is *maitri*, according to the Buddha?
- (ii) Explain the significance of the first two *gāthās* of 'Yamakavaggo' of the *Dhammapada*.
- (iii) Explain the basic concept of *ahimsā*.
- (iv) Explain the meaning of the first three *gāthās* of *appamādavaggo* of the *Dhammapada* (verse 21-23).

(b) Answer (in short) any four questions from the following : 2×4

- (i) What is *karmayoga* ?
- (ii) What is meant by 'pada' in *dhammapada* ?
- (iii) What is *iṣṭasādhanatā* ?
- (iv) What is the fifth verse of *Yamakavaggo* of the *Dhammapada* ?
- (v) Who are authors of 'Arthasaṁgrah' and 'Srimadbhagavadgītā Rahasya' ?
- (vi) What is meant by the term *brahmavihāra* ?
- (vii) What is *muditā* ?
- (viii) What is the significance of the fourth *gāthā* (verse 24) of *appamādavaggo* of the *Dhammapada*.

General impression — 2

### Second Half

1. (a) What do you mean by Utilitarianism ? 2
- (b) Explain briefly the distinction between Act — Utilitarianism and Rule — Utilitarianism. 4
- (c) Discuss the view that the moral requirements of the Utilitarian principle are overly demanding. 10

2. Explain fully the Marxian theory of distributive justice. 16
3. Discuss critically A. J. Ayer's emotive theory of ethics. 16
4. (a) What according to Kant is Good Will?  
(b) How does Kant relate this notion to his moral theory of Categorical Imperative. 6+10
5. State and explain R. M. Hare's argument for the claim that if moral judgements are to guide choices then, they must contain an irreducible prescriptive element. 16
6. Write short notes on any two of the following : 8+8
- (a) Virtue ethics (Aristotle).  
(b) Desert Island Promise (utilitarianism)  
(c) Stevenson's view on ethical disagreement  
(d) Hare's distinction between 'phrastic' and 'neustic'

*General impression — 2*

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