

2013

M.A.

2nd Semester Examination

PHILOSOPHY

PAPER—PHI-204

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.

[Western Ethics]

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

Group—A

1. (a) Discuss Feldman's interpretation of Kant's notion of maxim.
(b) Is the act of suicide morally wrong? Explain Kant's analysis of suicide in terms of categorical imperative.
8+8
2. Discuss briefly the Marxian Principle of distributive justice.

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(Turn Over)

3. Explain the conflict between utilitarianism and ordinary moral opinion with reference to 'Desert Island Promise' case.

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4. (a) What are the two types of disagreement regarding ethical judgements? Answer after Stevenson's emotivism with examples.

(b) Which one do you think is the fundamental one?

- (c) Mention the two types of meaning of the ethical terms according to Stevenson.

6+6+4

Group—B

5. Write a short note on Categorical Imperative.

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6. Discuss in short any two Marxian rejections of the claim that the capitalists have the right to earn profit.

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7. Do you agree with Ayer's form of emotivism? Give reasons in support of your answer.

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