

**2013**

**M.A.**

**4th Semester Examination**

**PHILOSOPHY**

**PAPER—PHI-409 & 411**

*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.*

**PHI-409 [Applied Philosophy]**

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

**Group—A**

Answer any *two* questions from the following :

1. (a) What do you mean by racial discrimination?
- (b) Explain how does Peter Singer deals with the concept of racial discrimination in his Practical Ethics.

**4+12**

(Turn Over)

2. Explain & examine the view of gender conservatives in respect of gender discrimination.

8+8

3. (a) Explain the arguments in favour of the obligation to assist the poor.

- (b) Critically examine the arguments following Peter Singer.

6+10

4. Do you think that it is possible to reconcile compassion with competitiveness in commerce? Give reasons for your answer.

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**Group—B**

Answer any one of the following question :

5. Write a short note on reverse discrimination.

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6. Explain briefly the ethical view about the competitive nature of business.

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7. Can allowing to die can be equivalent to killing? Give reasons.

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**PHI-411 [Philosophy of Cognitive Science]**

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

**Group—A**

1. What are the most direct connections held between the philosophy of mind and the cognitive science and also between computational intelligence and cognitive science? Briefly explain.

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2. State with examples the nature of knowledge representation problem.

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3. How can we represent things by using words and sentences? Answer after Tim Crane.

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4. "This problem is an epistemological one discovered by researchers in AI."—

Name and describe the problem concerning artificial intelligence theory after Owen Flanagan.

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**Group—B**

5. State the place of psychology within cognitive science. 8
  6. Give a brief account of Ryle's regress problem. 8
  7. Explain shortly the resemblance theory of pictorial representation. 8
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