

2014

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) Explain briefly after Peter Singer the principle of equal considerations of interest as a basic principle of equality.
- (b) If it a formal principle? 10+6

(Turn Over)

2. (a) Define gender discrimination with special reference to the distinction between sex and gender. 6
- (b) Do you think the gender discrimination in human society is morally justified? Give reasons in support of your answer. 10
3. Do you think that we have some good reasons to regard business life as especially difficult to reconcile with justice? Give reasons in support of your answer. 16
4. Do you agree with the view that not helping the poor is morally equivalent to murder? Give reasons in support with special reference to Peter Singer. 16

Group—B

Answer any *one* of the following question :

5. Distinguish between business and professions. 8
6. Moral personality as the basis of equality. 8
7. The arguments for an obligation to assist. 8

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

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

Group—A

1. (a) What are the main disciplines that have contributed to the formation of cognitive science ?
(b) State the relation between cognitive science and any two of the main contributing disciplines. 3+13
2. (a) What are the different types of knowledge regarding knowledge representation ? Answer after stillings.
(b) Which one of these does Ryle think is the fundamental one and why? 6+10
3. (a) What are the different kinds of representations ?
(b) Which form of representation is more basic than the others and why? Answer after Crane. 3+13
4. State 'the No Free Will Objection' against Artificial Intelligence theory. 16

Group—B

5. Describe the knowledge Representation Problem after Stillings. 8
6. 'Words represent things by convention'. — Discuss after Crane. 8
7. Explain briefly the four kinds of artificial intelligence theory. 8
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