

2014

M.A.

4th Semester Examination

PHILOSOPHY

PAPER—PHI-410 & 412

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-410

[Applied Philosophy]

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

Group—A

Answer any *two* questions from the following :

1. (a) State clearly the three liberal arguments that seek to justify abortion without rejecting the claim that fetus is an innocent human being.
- (b) How does Peter Singer refute these arguments?

8+8

(Turn Over)

2. (a) What is voluntary euthanasia?
 (b) Do you think that voluntary euthanasia is morally justifiable? Give reasons for your answer. 3+14
3. (a) Explicate the biocentric outlook on nature.
 (b) How does this outlook support the basic moral attitude of respect for nature? Answer after Paul Taylor. 8+8
4. (a) Elucidate the basic tenets of social ecology.
 (b) Discuss ecofeminist criticism of social ecology. 10+6

Group—B

Answer any *one* question from the following :

5. Bring out clearly how the ecofeminists characterize patriarchy. 8
6. Write a short note on the distinction between active and passive euthanasia. 8
7. Discuss Peter Singer's view on infanticide. 8

PHI-412**[Philosophy of Cognitive Science]**

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) Describe the architecture of a standard digital computer.

(b) What does the term 'software' refer to?

14+2

2. "An exciting new computer architecture has emerged in the last decade to compete with the standard model"

(a) Name the competitor according to Flanagan.

(b) Give an example of this computer architecture.

2+14

3. (a) Explain briefly Penfields study of somatosensory cortex.

(b) What do you mean by topographic organization?
Explain.

10+6

4. Explain fully the nature and functions of Synapse.

8+8

Group—B

Answer any *one* question from the following :

5. "Where is my memory of your face when you are not in front of me or I am not imagining your face?" Answer after Flanagan. 8

 6. What do you mean by the control of simple actions? 8

 7. Explain the brief the concept of synaptic basis of learning. 8
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