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

Group—A

Answer any *two* of the following.

1. (a) How does John Rawls show that equality can be founded on the natural characteristics of human being ?
- (b) State Peter Singer's criticism of Rawl's view. 8+8

(Turn Over)

2. What is gender discrimination? How do the liberals explain the phenomenon? 6+10
3. (a) Show whether Justice is a moral virtue or not.
(b) Do you think that a sense of justice is incompatible with business life? Justify your answer. 4+12
4. (a) State and explain the arguments against the obligation to assist the poor.
(b) Critically examine the arguments following Peter Singer. 6+10

Group—B

Answer any one of the following.

5. Do you think that the application of reservation system encourage reverse discrimination? Give arguments in support of your answer. 8
6. Explain the influence of Consumerism in business life. 8
7. What is role of I. Q. Test in racial discrimination? 8

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

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

Group—A

1. 'Cognitive science is an interdisciplinary field' — Explain in brief the interdisciplinary nature of cognitive science. 16
2. State with examples the nature of Knowledge Representation Problem, after stillings. 16
3. (a) What are the main features of mental states according to functionalism ?
(b) 'The pain role is defined in terms of inputs, outputs, and internal connections' — Explain after functionalism. 8+8
4. 'All I am questioning is whether the idea of resemblance can explain very much about how pictures represent.' — Answer the question after Crane. 16

Group—B

5. Explain with examples the different types of knowledge regarding knowledge representation problem. 8
 6. What are the two aspects of thoughts regarding mental representation? State with examples. 8
 7. Evaluate the points which Scarle wishes to establish by giving Chinese speaking room argument against A. I. 8
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