

2022

M.A.

4th Semester Examination

PHILOSOPHY

PAPER—PHI-402

WESTERN ETHICS

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 Hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*

*Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.*

Answer any four questions.

4×2

1. What is virtue ?

2. What is consequentialism ?

(Turn Over)

3. Write any one formulation of the *Categorical Imperative*.
4. How many kinds of general patterns of analysis of "x is good" are provided by Stevenson?
5. What are the main components of the meaning of 'good' according to Stevenson?
6. What is act utilitarianism?

Answer any *four* questions.

4×4

7. What is agent based virtue ethics? Explain.
8. What according to Aristotle is the best way to achieve *eudaimonia*? Elucidate briefly.
9. What is the meaning of 'inconsistency of willing' according to Kant?

10. How does Kant refute the view that his *Categorical Imperative* is equivalent to the golden rule?
11. What does Stevenson mean by 'moral approval'? Briefly explain.
12. Write a short note on the differences between harming someone and not helping someone.

Answer any *two* questions.

2×8

13. What are the central claims of pluralist virtue ethics? Critically explain. 6+2
14. What is a maxim? Explain following Kant the different kinds of maxim.
15. What are Stevenson's arguments for the rejection of the subjective naturalism and working memory theory?

16. Write a comparative analysis between utilitarianism and ordinary moral opinion with special reference to 'desert island promise'.
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