

2023

M.A.

4th Semester Examination

PHILOSOPHY

PAPER : PHI-402

(Western Ethics)

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.

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

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.

Answer from **all** the Groups as directed.

GROUP—A

Answer any **four** questions from the following :

2×4=8

1. What is the major difference between flourishing and happiness in Aristotle?
2. Distinguish between intellectual virtue and moral virtue.

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3. What is the basic principle of utilitarianism according to J. S. Mill?
4. What does it mean that correct definitions of moral terms are of the greatest practical value?
5. What are the mysterious properties of goodness according to antinaturalist?
6. Write any one formulation of categorical imperatives after Kant.

GROUP—B

Answer *any four* questions from the following :

4×4=16

7. What are the main features of virtue?
8. Explain the views of Michael Slote regarding morality.
9. Do you think that utilitarianism requires too much? Give arguments in favour of your answer.
10. In what respect, goodness is unlike any natural property according to antinaturalism?
11. What are the reasons naturalists have for rejecting antinaturalism?

12. 'A law of nature is a fully general statement that expresses a physical necessity' — explain after Kant's thesis

GROUP—C

Answer *any two* questions from the following :

8×2=16

13. What is eudaimonistic virtue ethics? Explain. 8
14. Write a comparative analysis between utilitarianism and ordinary moral opinion with special reference to 'desert island promise'. 8
15. What does Moore mean by 'open question'? State Moore's 'Open Question Argument' against naturalism. 2×6=8
16. Discuss the reasons behind the claim of Kant that every action has a maxim. 8

