

2025

M.A. 3rd Semester Examination
PHILOSOPHY

Paper : PHI - 305C / D

Full Marks : 50

Time : Two Hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.
Candidates are required to give their answers
in their own words as far as practicable.*

305C : Applied Philosophy

Group - A

Answer any two questions : 10×2=20

1. (a) What is meant by the concept of 'moral personality' according to Peter Singer?
(b) Do you agree with the view that moral personality is the basis of equality? Give reasons in support of your answer. 3+7
2. Critically discuss the concept of reverse discrimination following Peter Singer. 10
3. Critically examine the moral permissibility of employing deception in the processes of news collection and reporting. 10

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4. Analyze the principles of egalitarianism enshrined in the Indian Constitution and discuss their implications. 10

Group - B

Answer any *four* questions : 5×4=20

5. State in brief the 'I.Q level test' of the conservative group in support of racial discrimination.
6. What are the social and cultural factors, behind the trafficking of women? Explain briefly.
7. Write a short note on different types of cyber violence experienced by the women.
8. Elucidate the importance of freedom of expression within the practice of journalism.
9. What is constitutional morality? Discuss.
10. Examine the ethical and practical significance of environmental responsibility in business organizations.

Internal Assessment : 10 marks

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305D : Philosophy of Mind

Group - A

Answer any *two* questions : $10 \times 2 = 20$

1. What exactly does Descartes mean by defining the mind as a "thinking thing" (*res cogitans*) and the body as an "extended thing" (*res extensa*)? Explain the main arguments in favour of Cartesian dualism. $4+6$
2. Critically explain the mind-body theory of Philosophical Behaviourism.
3. State the arguments against mind-body Identity Theory.
4. Write an essay on Functionalism.

Group - B

Answer any *four* questions : $5 \times 4 = 20$

5. In what way does Epiphenomenalism explain the connection between mental and physical states?
6. How does Parallelism explain the mind-body relationship while rejecting the idea of direct interaction between them?
7. State the three motivations behind the emergence of Philosophical Behaviourism.
8. What is Intertheoretic Reduction? Write the arguments in favour of the Identity Theory. $2+3$

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9. Write a short note on Eliminative Materialism.
10. Briefly state different types of Functionalism.

Internal Assessment : 10 marks
