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PHILOSOPHY

Paper : PHLHC2046

(Ethics)

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Pass Marks : 32

Time : Three hours

***The figures in the margin indicate
full marks for the questions.***

1. Choose the correct answer : **(any six)**
1×6=6
 - (a) Which branch of ethics focusses on morally right or wrong?
 - (A) Meta ethics
 - (B) Normative ethics
 - (C) Descriptive ethics
 - (D) Applied ethics

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- (b) Which of the following is the best description of moral relativism?
- (A) Moral truths are absolute and unchanging
 - (B) Moral principles vary depending on culture or individual beliefs
 - (C) Moral values are determined by religious authorities
 - (D) Moral judgments are always based on scientific facts
- (c) What is the ultimate goal of human life, according to Aristotle?
- (A) Wealth
 - (B) Pleasure
 - (C) Eudaimonia
 - (D) Power
- (d) According to Kant, Which principle should guide moral actions?
- (A) Act only according to maxims that can be universalized
 - (B) Act in ways that maximize personal benefit
 - (C) Follow rules set by the majority
 - (D) Seek pleasure and avoid pain

- (e) What is the principle of utility in Mill's utilitarianism?
- (A) Following strict moral rules
 - (B) Acting out of duty alone
 - (C) Promoting happiness and reducing suffering
 - (D) Seeking personal pleasure
- (f) Which theory of punishment focuses on rehabilitating offenders?
- (A) Retributive justice
 - (B) Deterrence theory
 - (C) Reformatory theory
 - (D) Capital punishment
- (g) Which type of euthanasia occurs when life-ending measures are taken with the patient's consent?
- (A) Involuntary euthanasia
 - (B) Assisted Suicide
 - (C) Voluntary euthanasia
 - (D) Passive euthanasia

- (h) Which Hindu Scripture primarily teaches the concept of Nishkama Karma ?
- (A) Ramayana
 - (B) Upanishads
 - (C) Bhagavad Gita
 - (D) Vedas
- (i) What is the ultimate goal among the four purusarthas ?
- (A) Artha
 - (B) Kama
 - (C) Dharma
 - (D) Moksha or liberation
- (j) What does Gandhi's concept of Ahimsa emphasize ?
- (A) The use of violence for justice
 - (B) Complete non-violence in thought, word, and action
 - (C) Political dominance through warfare
 - (D) Ignoring injustice and oppression

2. Answer **any five** of the following questions :
2×5=10
- (a) What does Relativism mean ?
 - (b) How does Aristotle define virtue ?
 - (c) What is the first maxim of Kant's Categorical Imperative ?
 - (d) What is the main aim of reformative theory ?
 - (e) Name *two* famous utilitarian Philosophers.
 - (f) What is moksa in the purusarthas ?
 - (g) Why did Gandhi give importance on Ahimsa ?
3. Answer **any six** of the following questions :
5×6=30
- (a) Write a short note on Conventional and Reflective morality.
 - (b) Explain the concept of moral relativism and mention *one* strength and *one* weakness of this approach.
 - (c) Write a short note on Aristotle's virtue.

- (d) Can capital punishment be justified? Discuss.
- (e) What are the ethical implications of euthanasia? Explain.
- (f) Find out the distinctions among four purusarthas.
- (g) What are the key qualities of Satyagraha as advocated by Mahatma Gandhi?
- (h) Write a short note on Gandhi's philosophy of non-violence.
- (i) Distinguish between utilitarianism of Bentham and Mill.
- (j) Discuss the nature of ethics.

4. Write **any two** of the following questions :
10×2=20

- (a) Discuss the theory of Kant's categorical imperative.
- (b) What is utilitarianism? Discuss the utilitarianism of J. S. Mill.
- (c) "Truth is God and God is Truth", Discuss with reference to Gandhi.

- (d) Explain the concept of eudaimonia in Aristotle's philosophy. How is it different from more happiness?

5. Answer **any one** of the following questions :
14×1=14

- (a) Explain the different theories of punishment and their significance in the legal system.
- (b) Write an essay on Niskama Karma of Bhagavadgita.
- (c) What do you mean by 'ethics'? Discuss the scope of ethics.