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Question Paper

B.A. Honours Examinations 2021

(Under CBCS Pattern)

Semester - V

Subject: PHILOSOPHY

Paper: DSE 2-T

Full Marks : 60

Time : 3 Hours

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

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Ethics (Applied Ethics)

Group - A

Answer any *four* questions :

12×4=48

1. What is Practical Ethics? Explain the nature of Practical ethics. 4+8
2. What is Euthanasia? Make a distinction between Active and Passive Euthanasia? Are you an advocate of Active Euthanasia? Explain 4+4+4
3. What is meant by 'Human Rights'? What are the main features of 'Human Rights'? 4+8
4. What are the ends and means of the war? What is meant by 'total war'? Is it morally justified? 4+4+4

5. What is the argument of the developmentalists in the context of poverty remission? Explain after Peter Singer. What are the main objections against the arguments of developmentalists? 6+6
6. Give a brief description of Environmental Ethics. Make a distinction between anthropocentric and non-anthropocentric ethics. 6+6
7. Explain the ecological view described in Jainism. 12
8. What is care ethics? What are its central tenets? Explain. 12

Group - B

Answer any **six** questions :

2×6=12

1. What is meant by ecology?
 2. What is shallow ecology?
 3. Distinguish between killing and suicide.
 4. What is meant by gender discrimination?
 5. Do you agree with the caste system in Modern India? Why?
 6. What is meant by 'rights'?
 7. State different types of euthanasia.
 8. What is the basic idea about nature in the Upanishadic era?
 9. State one reason for the ecological crisis.
 10. Is abortion moral? Briefly explain your view.
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Or,

Philosophy of Language (Western)

Group - A

Answer any *four* questions :

12×4=48

1. Discuss the relation of a word to its meaning. Explain and illustrate the different senses of the word "meaning". 4+8
2. Make a distinction between conventional sign and natural sign. Can a word be used as conventional and natural sign at the same time? Discuss. 6+6
3. What is meant by "definition"? Distinguish between defining characteristics and accompanying characteristics with the help of examples. 2+10
4. What is ostensive definition? Explain why it is regarded as the most fundamental kind of definition? Are there words that can be defined only ostensively? Discuss. 3+7+2
5. What is meant by 'vagueness of a word'? Briefly state and explain the causes of vagueness. 4+8
6. What is meant by Quorum feature of language? Explain with illustration. 12
7. Discuss elaborately the Ideational theory of word-meaning. 12
8. 'To determine what a word means, find out what things we use it to refer to' - Examine the view expressed in the sentence. 12

Group - B

Answer any *six* questions :

2×6=12

1. What is ambiguity?
2. What is syntax?
3. What is referential Theory of meaning?
4. Are all things that have meaning are words?
5. What is definition by denotation?
6. What is Category-mistake?

7. What do you mean by behavioural theory of meaning?
 8. What do you mean by 'Process-Product' ambiguity?
 9. What type of characteristic is mentioned in each of the following propositions?
 - (a) Man is a laughing animal.
 - (b) Negroes are black.
 - (c) Steel is an alloy of iron.
 - (d) Squares have four sides.
 10. What is meant by verification ?
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