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2016

M.A.

4th Semester Examination

PHILOSOPHY

PAPER—PHI-410 & 412

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 Hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks.

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

(Applied Philosophy)

(Paper - PHI-410)

Answer any *three* questions. Two from Group—A and one from Group—B.

Group—A

1. Does a person have a right to life? Answer after Peter Singer. 16

(Turn Over)

2. Explain and examine the feminist argument that seeks to justify abortion. 16
3. What is voluntary euthanasia ? Can voluntary euthanasia be morally justified ? 4+12
4. (a) Explain after Taylor the biocentric outlook on nature.
(b) How does Taylor show that this outlook supports the conclusion that we ought to adopt the attitude of respect for nature ? Discuss. 8+8

Group—B

5. What is involuntary euthanasia ? Is it normally justified ? 4+4
 6. Explain the basic tenets of Aldo Leopold's Land Ethic. 8
 7. Is suicide morally wrong ? Give a reasoned answer. 8
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(Philosophy of Cognitive Science)

(Paper - PHI-412)

Answer any *two* questions from Group—A and
one question from Group—B.

Group—A

1. Write a short essay on Computer Software. 16
2. Briefly explain the connectionist theory with an example. 16
3. What is Synapse? What do you mean by synaptic basis of learning? Explain. 2+14
4. Why does short term memory differ from the long term memory? Discuss. 16

Group—B

5. Mention the function of a Computer's Arithmetic and Logic Unit (ALU). 8

6. Distinguish between Left brain and Right brain. 8
 7. Write a short note on Topographic Organization. 8
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