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M.A.

2nd Semester Examination

PHILOSOPHY (Western Ethics)

PAPER—PHI-202

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.

Answer any one question from Group—A and any one question from Group—B from each unit.

UNIT—I

Group—A

1. (a) Explain and examine the first version of Feldman's interpretation of Kant's categorical imperative.
- (b) What are the reasons for rejecting the view that categorical imperative is not equivalent to the Golden Rule, according to Kant? 8+8

(Turn Over)

2. Briefly explain after Stevenson's emotivism, the nature and meaning of an ethical term. 16

Group—B

3. Why does Hare hold that moral discourse is not primarily 'emotive'? 4
4. What are the two types of universal law according to Kant? State with examples. 4

UNIT—II

Group—A

5. Discuss the differences between utilitarianism and common sense moral view with special reference to Desert Island Promise. 16
6. (a) Discuss elaborately the claims of capitalists that they are entitled to earn profit.
- (b) How does Marx reject this claim? 16

Group—B

7. Briefly explain the theory of Rule Utilitarianism. 4
8. How does Marx prove that the worker would be treated unjustly even if he did get the full value of labour power? 4