

M.A. 3rd Semester Examination, 2018

PHILOSOPHY

PAPER –PHI-304

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 hours

Answer as directed questions

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks

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

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary

GROUP—A

1. Answer any *four* questions out of the following :
- (a) Why do we reject the concept of 'hierarchy of intelligence' to establish the principle of equality? 2×4
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- (b) Define human right. 2

(Turn Over)

- (c) Who are transgender people ? 2
- (d) Write down the date and the year of the land-mark judgement of the Honourable Supreme Court of India to establish the equal rights of the transgender people. 1 + 1
- (e) Is Hume a skeptic ? Discuss briefly. 2
- (f) What is Secular philosophy ? 2
- (g) Would you consider Spinoza as a secular philosopher ? 2
- (h) Spinoza invokes the notion of 'God' in his philosophy. Considering this, would you consider Spinoza as someone who believes in religion ? 2

GROUP-B

2. Answer any *four* questions out of the following : 4×4
- (a) Do you think that there is enough space for the Transgender people in human rights ? Discuss. 4

- (b) What is right ? Distinguish between natural rights and human rights. 1 + 3
- (c) Explain in brief the mystery of the birth of Hizras. 4
- (d) Discuss in brief the religious life of Indian Hizras. 4
- (e) Should secular philosophy be necessary against religion ? Explain. 4
- (f) Explain Spinoza's view on God. 4
- (g) Discuss the position of Hume regarding the epistemological status of religious claim. 4
- (h) What are the central tenets of positivism ? Explain. 4

GROUP—C

3. Answer any *two* questions out of the following : 8 × 2
- (a) Explain the nature of exploitation of transgender people. 8

- (b) State and explain the steps to be taken for the betterment of the TG people. 8
- (c) Explain the problem of Induction following Hume. 8
- (d) Discuss Hume's view on causation. 8
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