

M.A. 3rd Semester Examination, 2019

PHILOSOPHY

(Socio-Ethical Problems)

PAPER – PHIL-304(CBCS)

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 hours

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

1. Answer any *four* questions of the following : 2 × 4
- (a) Distinguish between sex and gender.
 - (b) What is macro culture ?
 - (c) Define human rights.
 - (d) What do you mean by *mistake of nature* ?

- (e) What is the central claim of Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason* regarding human knowledge ?
- (f) What is Kant's position about the possibility of the knowledge of God ?
- (g) What is 'problem of causation' that David Hume presents ?
- (h) What do you mean by secularism ?

2. Answer any *four* questions of the following : 4 × 4

- (a) Explain the Philosophical basis of human rights.
- (b) Explain the second principle as stated in the theory of justice.
- (c) Explain the concept of gender discrimination.
- (d) Explain the different types of transgender people.
- (e) Explain the ontological argument for the existence of God. Also present Kant's criticism of it.

- (f) Write a short note on the moral philosophy of Immanuel Kant.
- (g) What is 'problems of induction' ? Does it show that science is not rational ? Discuss.
- (h) What are the features that make a Philosophy secular ? Explain.

3. Answer any *two* questions of the following : 8 × 2

- (a) Why is it said that gender discrimination is not ethically approved ? Discuss.
- (b) Explain the religious life of Hizras in India.
- (c) What are the epistemological views of Immanuel Kant ? What are its repercussions for religion ?
- (d) What were the roles of Philosophy in the medieval period ? What are its similarities and differences with a philosophical practice that is secular in spirit ? Discuss.