



বিদ্যাসাগর বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY

M.A. Examinations 2020
Semester IV
Subject: PHILOSOPHY
Paper: PHI-405
(Theory)

Full Marks: 40

Time: 2HRS.

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

Answer any one question from following questions (Within 250 words):

Special Paper - Applied Philosophy

1. Discuss the ethical issues of euthanasia.
2. Illustrate the classification of euthanasia with suitable examples.
3. State and explain the arguments in favour of non-voluntary euthanasia with examples.
4. Give an explanatory critique or defence of anthropocentric environmental ethics.
5. Sketch a brief description of Aldo Leopold's land ethics.
6. Critically explain the view that we have a moral obligation to conserve the environment for the sake of future generations.
7. Explain Arne Naess's analysis of deep ecology to conserve the richness and diversity of earth.
Distinguish between Somatic gene therapy and Germ-line gene therapy.
8. Justify the demand that the process of organ transplantation as method of treatment.
9. Explain the effect of germ-line gene therapy on surrogacy.
10. Is there any impact of germ-line gene therapy on sports? Discuss
11. How do you explain the argument of Playing God in connection with genetic engineering? Discuss
12. Explain the Double Effect Theory in connection with Organ transplantation.



Special Paper – Philosophy of Cognitive Science

1. Write a short note on computer's CPU.
2. What is machine language? Explain briefly.
3. Discuss about the kinds of artificial intelligence theory.
4. Briefly explain 'The No Originality Objection' against AI theory.
5. Discuss about 'The No consciousness Objection' against artificial intelligence theory.
6. Write a short program using PROLOG software
7. What is neurophilosophy? Explain and critically examine.
8. What you think are the Philosophical lessons which one can draw from the split-brain studies? Explain with adequate justification.
9. How does Patricia Churchland respond to the mind-body dualism? Explain and asses the arguments given by Churchland.
10. How does Patricia Churchland invoke the idea that "neuroscience is a young science" to responds to the criticisms against neurophilosophy? Is this position reasonable? Discuss.
11. What is computational theory of mind? What are the criticisms to it? Critically Explain.
12. Explain the distinction between syntax and semantics. What is the significance of this distinction in providing an understanding mind? Discuss.