2009

PHILOSOPHY

PAPER—1204

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 hours

Answer any **two** from Group—A
and **one** from Group—B

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

Answer any *two* of the following

1. (a) Briefly discuss the difference between Bentham's " quantitative " hedonism and Mill's " qualitative " hedonism.

   (b) Which one is preferable ? Give reasons for your answer. 12 + 4

2. (a) Explain with examples the ' disagreement in interest' which takes place in ethics after Stevenson.

   (b) Distinguish between ' disagreement in belief' and ' disagreement in interest'.

   (c) Is this distinction always tenable ? Give reasons, following Stevenson. 4 + 4 + 8

3. (a) What, according to Rawls, is the primary subject of justice ?

   (b) In what way is the scope of his enquiry limited ? 8 + 8

4. (a) What is virtue?

   (b) 'Virtue is a disposition to choose the mean.'
       Discuss, after Aristotle.   4 + 12

GROUP—B

Answer any *one* of the following

5. (a) 'Good' may be used for bad purposes. Illustrate
       the point with an example, after Stevenson.

   (b) Why does Moore think that 'good' can not be
       defined?   4 + 4

6. Explain the nature of 'good will' according to Kant. 8

7. Give an exposition of the idea of the functions of
   reason following Kant.   8