

2013

M.A.

2nd Semester Examination

PHILOSOPHY

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.

[ Indian Ethics ]

Answer any two questions from Group—A  
and one question from Group—B.

Group—A

Answer any two of the following.

1. (a) Distinguish between *ves'esa dharma* and *sādhāraṇa dharma*.  
(b) Discuss different types of *sādhāraṇa dharma*, after *Prasas'tapāda*. 4+12
2. (a) *Samyaktarnas'anajñānacārtikraṇi moksamārga*.  
Explain the importance of the *triratna* (three jewels) in Jaina ethics with reference to the above statement. 16
3. (a) What do you mean by the Gandhian sense of the word '*Ahimsā*'? 3

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- (b) What are the two aspects of the meaning of 'ahimsā' after Gandhi? 3
- (c) Under what circumstances Gandhi openly recommends killing? 6
- (d) What is the most fundamental condition for the practice of *ahimsā*, after Gandhi, and why? 4
4. (a) What do you mean by *Brahmavihāra* in Buddhism?  
 (b) Write short notes on:  
 (i) *muditā* and  
 (ii) *upeksā*.  
 (c) Explain the utility of *Brahmavihāra* in Buddhist ethics. 4+8+4

**Group—B**

Answer any one of the following.

5. Write a short note on Vedic concept of *ṛta* 8
6. Explain the role of *s'īla* in Buddhist ethics. 8
7. Answer, in short, any four of the following : 2×4
- (a) What is main aim of the *Gītā* ?
- (b) Is the message of the *Gītā* universal? Give reason for your answer.
- (c) What are the *mārgas* (leading to liberation) of the *Gītā*?
- (d) What is the nature of self advocated by the *Gītā*?
- (e) What is the meaning of *niskāma karma*?
- (f) Is our action itself the root-cause of suffering or anything else? Answer after the *Gītā*.