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M.A. 3rd Semester Examination, 2022

PHILOSOPHY

(Applied Philosophy/Philosophy of Cognitive Science)

PAPER – PHI-305(A&B)

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 hours

Answer any one paper as per your spcialization

The figures in the right hand margin indicate marks

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

[PAPER—PHI-305A]

(Applied Philosophy)

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

- 1. What is the meaning of moral personality ?**
- 2. Distinguish between sex and gender.**

(Turn Over)

3. What is meant by reverse discrimination ?
4. What is the main argument of the book *Rethinking Business Ethics: A Pragmatic Approach* ?
5. Are there any interesting philosophical issues regarding the deliberate publication of falsehood ?
6. What is the gist of Janet Malcolm's position in his book entitled *The journalist and the Murderer* ?

B. Answer any *four* of the following : 4 × 4

7. Give two arguments against the view that moral personality is the basis of equality.
8. State and explain the I.Q. test criterion as the basis of accepting racial discrimination.
9. What is the meaning of reservation system ? Explain with a suitable example.

10. Journalists sometime disguise or misrepresent themselves to gain access to information. Briefly explain the ethical issues regarding such instances.

11. There are arguments that if we use death penalty as a means to deter future murders, then it violates the Kantian prohibition against using individuals as means to the welfare of others. How does Jeffrey Reiman respond to such arguments ? Explain.

12. What is the 'argument from common sense' supporting death penalty ? What are the difficulties with it ?

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C. Answer any *two* of the following :

8 × 2

13. State and explain the principle of equal considerations of interests with suitable examples following Peter Singer.

14. How does Pamela Foa explain the special wrongness of rape in her article "What's wrong with Rape" ? Explain.

15. What are the environmental issues in business ethics ? Elucidate.
16. Many argue that however just in principle the death penalty may be, it involves various kinds of biases in its implementation. Would this be a good reason to abolish death penalty ? Discuss.

[PAPER—PHI-305B]

(*Philosophy of Cognitive Science*)

- A. Answer any *four* of the following : 2 × 4
1. How should we point to phenomenal consciousness after Searle ?
 2. State any one of the interesting features of representation.
 3. What is the most fundamental form of representation according to Crane ?
 4. Why do cognitive psychologists refer to the mind as information processing system ?

5. What is Thought according to the Computational Theory of Mind (CTM) ?
6. What is the name of the language of thought according to Leibnitz ?

B. Answer any *four* of the following : 4 × 4

7. Why does cognitive science be regarded as the science of the mind ? Explain.
8. What makes a state phenomenally conscious ?
9. How could differences in intentional content make a phenomenal conscious different ? Answer with examples.
10. Discuss access consciousness after Chalmers.
11. State with an example, after Crane, how can a representation represent itself.
12. How does cognitive psychology contribute a *particular method* to cognitive science ?

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

13. How do the five contributing disciplines of cognitive science retain their separate identities ? Briefly explain.
 14. Briefly discuss the different forms of object representation.
 15. What are the knowledge representation problems according to cognitive psychologists ? Explain with examples.
 16. Elaborate on the idea, after Fodor, that 'we think in a language'.
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