

3 SEM TDC PHIH (CBCS) C 7

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(Held in January/February, 2022)

PHILOSOPHY

(Core)

Paper : C-7

(**Western Ethics**)

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

1. Choose the correct answer : 1×8=8
- (a) The word 'moral' is derived from Latin / Greek word 'mores'.
- (b) Moral consciousness is the simple / complex state of mind.
- (c) Kant supports / does not support retributive theory of punishment.
- (d) Moral obligation is imposed from outside / within.

- (e) According to ethical hedonism, we ought to seek pleasure and avoid pain / we naturally seek pleasure and avoid pain.
- (f) Moral judgement is the judgement of value / judgement of fact.
- (g) "You are not punished for stealing sheep, but in order that sheep may not be stolen" is associated with reformative / preventive theory of punishment.
- (h) Determinism / Indeterminism denies freedom of will.

2. Write short notes on any *four* of the following :

5×4=20

- (a) Nature of ethics
- (b) Immortality of Soul as a postulates of morality
- (c) Virtue ethics of Aristotle
- (d) Voluntary action
- (e) Capital punishment

3. Explain the concepts of 'good', 'ought' and 'right' from ethical standpoint.

4+4+5=13

Or

What is ethics? Explain. Do you find any utility of the study of ethics? Answer with your own comments. 8+5=13

4. What is moral consciousness? What are the elements of moral consciousness? Explain its characteristics. 2+6+5=13

Or

What do you mean by postulates of morality? Critically explain 'personality' and 'reason' as necessary postulates of morality. 3+5+5=13

5. Critically explain egoistic hedonism as a moral standard. 13

Or

Explain gross utilitarianism of Bentham.

6. What are the theories of punishment? "The aim of punishment is to reform the character of the offender himself." Explain the theory of punishment with reference to the above statement. 3+10=13

Or

Explain euthanasia. Is it morally justifiable? Give your own opinion. 8+5=13

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