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MA DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, MAY 2024

First Semester

M.A. Philosophy

M23PH04DC – Ethics

(2023 July admissions)

Time: 3 Hours

Max Marks: 70

Section A

Answer any ten of the following questions in a word or sentence each. Each question carries 1 mark.

1. Name the three normative sciences.
2. Who held the dictum 'Virtue is knowledge'?
3. Name any two moral thinkers who explored ethics by analyzing the components of conscience.
4. Which is the moral theory that upholds the dictum 'maximum happiness for maximum numbers'?
5. Write a short note on moral relativism.
6. What does the term 'Sophist' refer to?
7. Which are the three distinct parts of the psyche in Plato's understanding of human nature?
8. Which are the two main categories of Aristotle's ethical philosophy?
9. Write a short note on Greek hedonism.
10. What is ataraxia?
11. Who was the chief Saint of Stoics according to Russell?
12. Who was the propounder of Quantitative Utilitarianism?
13. What is meant by goodwill according to Kant?
14. Name the author of the book 'Animal liberation.'
15. Which is the famous work of G.E. Moore in ethics?

(1X10=10)

Section B

Answer any five of the following questions in two or three sentences each. Each question carries 2 marks.

16. Give a brief account of moral non-naturalism.
17. Briefly explain ethical non-cognitivism.
18. What is meant by naturalistic fallacy?

19. What is meant epistemic naturalism?
20. What is moral realism?
21. Briefly explain Rule Utilitarianism.
22. Write a short note on hedonism.
23. What is the essence of Epicurean hedonism?
24. Distinguish between normative and positive sciences.
25. Why is Kant's ethical theory called deontological ethics?

(2X5=10)

Section C

Answer any five of the following questions in a paragraph each. Each question carries 4 marks.

26. Discuss the important features of Socratic ethics.
27. 'Aristotle's ethics is based on the golden mean.' – Elucidate this statement.
28. Explain briefly the evolutionary hedonism of Spencer.
29. 'Kant's ethics pursues a universal moral principle based on rational authority.' - Examine this statement.
30. Discuss the significance of Sidgwick's Rational Utilitarianism.
31. What is Act Utilitarianism? Examine the criticisms against it.
32. Give an account of the meta ethical questions.
33. Examine the relevance of Moore's open-question argument.

(4X5=20)

Section D

Answer any three of the following questions in two pages each. Each question carries 10 marks.

34. What is emotivism? Bring out the distinction between the two versions of emotivism advocated by A.J. Ayer and C.L. Stevenson.
35. Explain the importance of meta ethics, normative ethics and applied ethics as major subdivisions of ethics.
36. 'Bentham's hedonistic calculus measure pleasures through seven dimensions for quantitative evaluation.' – Critically analyze this statement.
37. Discuss the importance of the Cardinal Virtues of Plato.
38. Examine the features of Kant's Categorical Imperative.
39. Expound the meaning and scope of ethics and analyze its relation to Psychology and Sociology.

(10X3=30)