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Enrollment Number:

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B.A DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, MARCH 2026
Third Semester
B.A. Philosophy
B21PH01SE – Moral Dilemmas and Ethical Decision Making
(2024 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. Define consequentialism.
2. What does autonomy mean in ethics?
3. Give one principle of professional ethics.
4. What is meant by an ethical dilemma?
5. State the concept of casuistry.
6. Mention any one aspect of Indian social ethics.
7. What is *triratna*?
8. Define *dharma* in Indian philosophy.
9. What is *nishkama karma*?
10. Name one ethical code advocated by Sree Narayana Guru.
11. What does ahimsa mean?
12. Which text discusses *jeevakarunya*?
13. Why should a family be strong, according to Sree Narayana Guru?
14. What is the code of ethics for a householder?
15. State the meaning of non-duality in ethics.

(1X10=10)

Section B

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

16. Explain the difference between consequentialism and deontological theory.
17. 'Non-violence is the noblest among all other virtues.' Comment on this statement.
18. What is non-maleficence in ethical decision-making?

19. Give an account of justice.
20. Define professional ethics with an example.
21. What is the role of autonomy in resolving ethical dilemmas?
22. Summarize the significance of dharma in Sree Narayana Guru's philosophy.
23. How does *Rta* differ from *dharmā*?
24. Describe the significance of Jaina ethics.
25. How do Buddhist ethics emphasize compassion?
26. Elucidate Guru's views on marriage practices.
27. Give an account of *panchasudhi*.
28. State two reasons why healthy families are essential.
29. How does freedom influence individual development in families?
30. Describe Guru's views on women within family.

(2X10=20)

Section C

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

31. Discuss virtue ethics and its relevance in modern society.
32. Analyze the concept of ethical decision-making using a real-life example.
33. Compare individual and social ethics in the Indian context.
34. Explain the role of *karma* and *nishkama karma* in ethical living.
35. Describe the ethical teachings of Jainism and Buddhism with examples.
36. Evaluate Sree Narayana Guru's reformative views on dowry system.
37. Discuss the importance of compassion and ahimsa as articulated by Sree Narayana Guru.
38. Describe how *Jeevakarunya Panchakam* promote humane values.
39. Examine the role of strong and healthy families in overall societal well-being.
40. Explain the concept of non-duality and its significance in ethical thought.

(4X5=20)

Section D

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

41. Critically evaluate the three major ethical theories.
42. Discuss Indian ethics and their impact on individual and social conduct.
43. Examine Sree Narayana Guru's ethical codes and their relevance to modern family life.
44. Analyse the vision of equality as presented in *Atmopadesa Satakam*.

(10X2=20)