

B.A. (Honours) Examination, 2017
Semester-VI
Philosophy
Course – H-17 (Elective)
(Western Ethics)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 40

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin.

Answer **any four** questions.

1. What is the main contention of Definist theories? Do they commit “naturalistic fallacy”?
Answer fully. 4+6=10
 2. Critically comment on “our basic principles and value judgements are intuitive”. 10
 3. Discuss in detail how C.L. Stevenson argues that ethical judgements express the speaker’s attitude and are based on our belief that can be reasoned about. 4+6=10
 4. In what sense moral judgements are prescriptions? Are they Universalizable? Answer following R.M. Hare. 6+4=10
 5. Is Virtue a disposition? Discuss in detail how ethics of virtue is opposed to an ethics of duty. 4+6=10
 6. Write short notes on **any two**: 5+5=10
 - (i) Cognitivism / non cognitivism
 - (ii) Science and Morality
 - (iii) Self-evident ethical truths
 - (iv) “I should do A” means “A has P”
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