

M.A. Examination, 2015

Semester – II

Philosophy

Paper : V

Ethics (Western)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 40

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin.

Answer *any four* questions

1. Is there one fundamental principle or law at the root of all morality? Answer after Mill. 10
 2. In what sense, according to Mill, there is a proof for “utilitarian” claim? Discuss the proof in detail. 10
 3. What are the ordinary misconceptions regarding utilitarianism? Show how Mill tries to argue for the “greatest happiness principle” removing all misconceptions. 5+5
 4. What is meant by ‘difference of quality in pleasure’ by Mill? Present Mill’s arguments in favour of ‘all human being possess a sense of dignity’. 4+6
 5. Explain the meaning of metaphysics of morals according to Kant. What were his reasons for advocating an *a-priori* moral principle? 5+5
 6. “Nothing can possibly be conceived in the world, or even out of it, which can be called good without qualification, except good will”. Explain. 10
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