

B.A. (Honours) Examination, 2016

Semester-V

Philosophy

Course – H-9

(Western Ethics)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 40

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin.

Answer ***any four*** questions.

1. What are the presuppositions of morality? Can we hold someone morally responsible who is not free? Answer with reasons. 5+5=10
 2. Why one should study ethics? Can we become a morally good person after studying ethics? Answer in detail. 4+6=10
 3. Discuss the dilemma of “The overcrowded lifeboat”. If you were on the jury, how would you have decided and why? Answer using Kantian and utilitarian perspective. 5+5=10
 4. Explain Mill’s utilitarianism in detail. In what sense he develops utilitarianism? 6+4=10
 5. How one can calculate the greatest good for the greatest number. Explain after Mill. 10
 6. What is meant by ‘dignity of man’ according to Kant? Critically present Kant’s objection against utilitarianism. 4+6=10
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