



COOCH BEHAR PANCHANAN BARMA UNIVERSITY

B.A. Honours 6th Semester Examination, 2021

PHILOSOPHY

DSE-3

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 40

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.
Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*

Answer any one Group from A to D

GROUP-A

(The Central Questions of Philosophy, A. J. Ayer)

Answer any two questions from the following 20×2 = 40

1. How does Ayer explain the verification principle in his *The Central Questions of Philosophy*? 20
2. Distinguish between Appearance and Reality. What are the reactions of Ayer about it? Discuss. 10+10
3. Explain the usage of ordinary language. How does Ayer criticize it in his *The Central Questions of Philosophy*? 12+8

GROUP-B

(Practical Ethics)

Answer any two questions from the following 20×2 = 40

1. "Abortion is nonetheless permissible" — Explain this theory following Peter Singer. Explain the value of fetus life. 10+10
2. How does Peter Singer explain his theory of practical ethics? 20
3. Write a short note on 'deep ecology' and 'green-house effect'. 10+10

GROUP-C
(Sāṃkhyakārikā)

Answer any two questions from the following

20×2 = 40

1. What is *prakṛti* in *Sāṃkhya* philosophy? Discuss the proofs for the existence of *Prakṛti* following *Sāṃkhyakārikā*. 5+15
2. Explain *Sāṃkhya* theory of causation following *Sāṃkhyakārikā*. Does Naiyayikas accept this view? Discuss. 15+5
3. How many *pramāṇas* are accepted in *Sāṃkhyakārikā*? Explain the *pramāṇas* following *Sāṃkhyakārikā*. 5+15

GROUP-D
(Dhammapada)

Answer any two questions from the following

20×2 = 40

1. Explain the concept of '*Dhamma*' as a means of attaining enlightenment in Buddhist Philosophy. What is the relevance of Buddhism in cognitive modern psychology? 16+4
2. Discuss the nature of *Bodhisattva* following *Dhammapada*. 20
3. Define *Karmavāda* following *Dhammapada*. Does this theory deny the freedom of human will? 10+10

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