

# DHWU

## M.A. 4<sup>TH</sup> SEMESTER EXAMINATION 2018

### Subject : Philosophy

Paper : Phil/Th/4S/401

Philosophy of Law

Time : 2 Hours

Full Marks : 40

**A. Answer any two questions :**

**10 X 2 = 20**

1. Discuss the origin and the historical development of the idea of human rights. 10
2. Discuss the classical natural theory of human rights law. Explain John Locke's view in this connection. 5+5
3. Explain critically the theory of human rights law based on equality of respect and concern following the view of R.M. Dworkin. 10
4. What do you understand by fundamental rights? Explain in this connection the reasons for incorporating the fundamental rights in the constitution of India. 5+5

**B. Answer any four questions :**

**5 X 4 = 20**

5. What according to Aquinas are the characteristics of natural law? 5
6. What according to Hart is the nature of law? Discuss in this connection the different rules admitted by him. 1+4
7. What do you understand by 'the right to property'? 5
8. Explain the nature of 'the right to life'. 5
9. What does Immanuel Kant mean by 'human dignity' in relation to the theory of human rights law? 5
10. Explain briefly John Rawls' concept of original position in his theory of justice. 5
11. What is the main aim of the constitution of India? 5
12. Which article is known as the heart and soul of the constitution of India and why? 5

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Continental and Post Modern Philosophy

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### Group - I

#### (Phenomenology and Existentialism)

Answer any one question : 10 X 1 = 10

1. a) Explain Husserl's theory of intentionality. 10

or

b) How does Sartre establish existentialism as humanism? 10

Answer any two questions : 5 X 2 = 10

2. Discuss the phenomenological method of epoché. 5

3. Discuss Husserl's concept of the 'Life World'. 5

4. What is Bad Faith according to Sartre? 5

5. What is the relation between being-in-itself and being-for-itself? 5

### Group - II

#### (Hermeneutics)

Answer any one questions : 10 X 1 = 10

6. a) What is hermeneutics? 10

or

b) Why is Heidegger's hermeneutic turn more radical than earlier philosophy? 10

Answer any two questions : 5 X 2 = 10

7. What are the different components of an act of interpretation? 5

8. How does the notion of interpretation play a crucial role for Gadamer? 5

9. What according to Friedrich Schleiermacher are the correct ways of interpreting a text? 5

10. Which method did Wilhelm Dilthey suggest for interpretation of human science? 5

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Environmental Issues in Western Applied Ethics

Time : 2 Hours

Full Marks : 40

**A. Answer any two questions :**

**10 X 2 = 20**

1. What according to Tim Hayward is wrong in our attempts to overcome anthropocentrism? 10
2. What is eco-feminism? What according to Karen Warren are the three significant features of an oppressive conceptual framework? 3+7
3. Discuss critically the arguments put forward by the weak speciesists to justify their position. 10
4. Elaborate the key tenets of the Biocentric Outlook as laid out in Paul Taylor's article "The Ethics of Respect for Nature." 10

**B. Answer any four questions :**

**5 X 4 = 20**

5. What according to Tim Hayward is the paradox involved in the problem of anthropocentrism? 5
6. State the general objections raised against the animal rights view. How does Tom Regan respond to these objections? 2+3
7. What is speciesism? Explain briefly the nature of raw speciesism. 1+4
8. State and briefly explain the key principles of deep ecology following Arne Naess. 5
9. Make a distinction between deep ecology and shallow ecology. 5
10. "A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community" – compare and contrast briefly the environmental ethic proposed in the above statement with that of Paul Taylor. 5
11. Analyze the concept of "respect for nature" following Paul Taylor. 5
12. "Ecosophy-T has only one ultimate norm : self -realization!" – Explain the significance of this statement in light of Arne Naess' deep ecological world-view. 5

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Indian Ethical Praxis

Time : 2 Hours

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#### A. Answer any two questions

1. Explain the theory of creation of the world following *Viṣṇupurāṇa*. 10
2. How according to the *sāṃkhya* philosophers, the different elements of Nature contribute to the welfare of mankind? Explain it following *Yukidīpikā*. 10
3. Give an account of the *Prācīna Nyāya* view concerning the genesis of *pravṛtti* with reference to *Siddhāntamuktāvalī*. How do the *Prābhākara Mīmāṃsakas* counter this view? 5+5
4. Give a description of *sukhavāda*. Is it acceptable as an ideal ethical theory? 8+2

#### B. Answer any four questions

5. State the *Navya-Nyāya* objection against the causal theory of *pravṛtti* as laid out in *Siddhāntamuktāvalī*. Explain how *Viśvanātha* counters their objection. 2½+2½
6. Cite and discuss any two hymns from the *bhūmi-sūktā* that make an appeal to ecocentrism. 5
7. Give a brief description of Lord *Viṣṇu* as narrated in *Viṣṇupurāṇa*. 5
8. According to the *Gītā* what is *niṣkāma karma*? Is it possible? 3+2
9. Give a short note about Jaina *pañcamahāvratā* and *anuvratā*. 5
10. Bring out the significance of each of the causal components of *pravṛtti* following *Siddhāntamuktāvalī*. 5
11. Why should a person do a work as per his *svabhāba*? Answer according to the *Gītā*. 5
12. Why should a *Jñānī* do works? Answer following *Gītā*.