

Values and Ethics (HU501A)

Full Marks: 35

Time: 2 hrs.

The Figures in the margin indicate marks against each question. Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as per as practicable.

Answer Question no. 6 and any three from the rest.

1. Give a critical estimate of Mill's Theory of 'greatest good of the greatest number'. Justify in the present context. 6+4

2. Compare and contrast the Ethical theories of Karl Marx and Gandhi. Explain Gandhi's concept of non-violence as the supreme duty. 6+4

3. Here is an ethical dilemma situation – read the following carefully and give a satisfactory outcome:

Michael had several friends including Roger and Daniel. Roger has recently met and started dating a wonderful lady named Phyllis. He is convinced that this is a long-term relationship. Unknown to Roger, Michael observed them at a restaurant several days ago and realised Phyllis is the wife of his other friend Daniel.

Michael is deciding whether to tell Roger that Phyllis is married when he receives a call from Daniel. Daniel suspects that his wife is having an affair and since they and Michael share many friends and contacts, he asks if Michael has heard anything regarding an affair.

To whom does Michael owe greater friendship to in this situation? No matter who he tells, he is going to end up hurting one, if not both friends. Does he remain silent and hope his knowledge is never discovered.

Consider yourself Michael and what stand should you take in this situation? Mention the different steps needed to reach a moral decision. 4+6

4. Write an essay on Technology, Values and Ethics. 10

5. What do you mean by professional ethics? What should be the duties and responsibilities of a professional to his clients? 4+6

6. Write a brief note on any two of the following: 2.5+2.5

- a. Freedom is the basic pillar of morality.
- b. Universal message of Gita.
- c. Code of Ethics.
- d. Conflict of interest in work-place.