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CORE COURSE IN PHILOSOPHY
5B09 PHI : Applied Social Philosophy

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 40

PART – A

Answer **all** questions. **Each** answer carries **1** mark.

Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate answer chosen from the given options :

1. Social philosophy is primarily _____ whereas sociology is basically descriptive.
a) Theoretical
b) Prescriptive
c) Both a) and b)
d) Neither a) nor b)
2. According to the organismic theory, a society goes through the stages of _____
a) Birth, growth and decline
b) Birth, recovery and rejuvenation
c) Decline, development and reorganization
d) None of these
3. The concept of *Sudra Raj* was proposed by _____
a) Ambedkar
b) Vivekananda
c) Gandhi
d) Sankara
4. 'Humanness is to the human being as bovinity is to the cow.' This is the statement of _____ about _____
a) B. R. Ambedkar, on the annihilation of caste
b) Vivekananda, on Humanism
c) Sree Narayana Guru, on caste as meaningless
d) None of these

(4×1=4)

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PART – B

Answer **any seven** questions. **Each** answer should **not** exceed **50** words.

Each answer carries **2** marks.

5. Write a short note on the relationship between social philosophy and sociology.
6. What is Plato's view of the duties of the social classes for the society to attain the virtue of justice ?
7. Define 'social contract' and give the names of its chief representatives.
8. What, according to Rousseau, is the condition of human life in a state of nature ?
9. Elucidate Locke's idea of 'The State of Nature as pre-political'.
10. State the basic analogy implied in the Organismic Theory.
11. Elucidate Bluntschli's equation between the life of a state and the life of a person.
12. Sum up the meaning of the four *Purusharthas*.
13. Which are the essential rules to be followed by a *Brahmachari* ?
14. B. R. Ambedkar says, "The division of labour brought about by the Caste System is not a division based on choice". Which is the specific characteristic of caste implied in this statement ? (7×2=14)

PART – C

Answer **any four** questions. **Each** answer should **not** exceed **100** words.

Each answer carries **3** marks.

15. 'Just as individual wills are directed towards individual interests, the general will, once formed, is directed towards the common good.' Explain.
16. Bring out the Marxian theory of the class stratification in society.
17. Why did the Indian Renaissance focus on the crusade against caste system ?



18. Bring out Herbert Spencer's account of the characteristics of society as an organism.
19. Compare *Varna* order with *Jati* system in terms of flexibility and rigidity.
20. Bring out Bergson's idea of the "Complexification" of life as the evolution from the simple original vital impulse into different species, individuals and organs.

(4×3=12)

PART – D

Answer **any two** questions. **Each** answer should **not** exceed **250** words.

Each answer carries **5** marks.

21. Define social philosophy and bring out its nature and scope.
22. Discuss Aristotle's view of a harmonious society.
23. Explain why Ambedkar had insisted on the freedom from 'the thralldom of the Vedas' as the means to the annihilation of castes.
24. Analyze Sree Narayana Guru's definition of 'Jati'. (2×5=10)