



**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL**

B.A. Honours Part-III Examination, 2020

**PHILOSOPHY**

**PAPER-VII**

**SOCIAL AND PRACTICAL PHILOSOPHY**

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 50

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

*The word limit mentioned below against each question to be strictly followed by the students:  
2 marks-30 words / 4 marks-60 words / 5 marks-100 words / 6 marks-150 words / 8 marks-220 words /  
10 marks-300 words / 14 marks-375 words / 15 marks-400 words / 20 marks-475 words.*

**SECTION-I**

**Answer any *one* question of the following**

20×1 = 20

1. What is meant by “community”? What is the basis of community? Explain after MacIver and Page. Where lies the difference between community and association? 4+10+6=20
2. What do you mean by welfare state? State arguments for and against a welfare state. 6+14=20
3. Explain the concept of Practical Ethics following Peter Singer. What are its importance in 21st century? Discuss. 10+10=20
4. What do you mean by Feminism? Explain various facets of feminist movement and the purposes and functions of each of them. 5+15=20
5. What do you mean by human rights? Explain the nature of human rights. What is the subject matter of United Nations Declaration of Human Rights? Explain briefly. 4+10+6=20

**SECTION-II**

6. Answer any *two* questions of the following: 10×2=20
  - (a) Explain the functions of a society. 10
  - (b) “The family is by far the most important primary group in society.” – Explain. 10
  - (c) What do you mean by religious discrimination? State arguments against religious discrimination. 2+8=10
  - (d) What do you mean by euthanasia? Distinguish between active and passive euthanasia with example. 2+8=10

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| (e) Explain the value of foetal life following Peter Singer.         | 10 |
| (f) Explain the relation between Environmental Ethics and Ecology.   | 10 |
| (g) What are the problems faced by the women after divorce? Discuss. | 10 |
| (h) Discuss the concept of humanism following Swami Vivekananda.     | 10 |

**SECTION-III**

7. Answer any *five* of the following questions, with brief justification, wherever necessary: 2×5=10
- (a) What is Social Philosophy?
  - (b) Define justice.
  - (c) What is meant by gender discrimination?
  - (d) What do you mean by freedom?
  - (e) What is a group?
  - (f) Is state a community?
  - (g) Is suicide a moral crime according to Hume?
  - (h) What is egoistic suicide?
  - (i) Give an argument of the feminist in favour of abortion.
  - (j) Distinguish between killing and suicide.
  - (k) Is marriage a contract?
  - (l) What is right?
  - (m) What is anthropocentric morality?
  - (n) What is secondary group?
  - (o) What do you mean by secularism?

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