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1. Discuss the meaning of religious value. Consider to what extent it is possible to promote religious values in a secular society. OR What is the relevance of Philosophy for the modern man? Discuss.

Part A

1. Can a man perform his duty without any desire of without any end in view? Analyze the ethical implications of your answer.
2. Analyze the concept of Free Will. Can a man involved ignorance and sin be said to be possessed of Free Will? Discuss.
3. Does the doctrine of Karma engender fatalistic attitude in man? Does it necessary involve putting a brake on material progress? Discuss.
4. Can moral values be clearly distinguished from religious values? Discuss with special reference to the Hindu view of Dharma
5. What is meant by ideal Utilitarianism? Does it make an advance on other forms of utilitarianism advocated by modern writers?
6. Give a. Clear exposition of the ethics of punishment. Which theory of punishment is, according to you, ethically satisfactory?

Part B

1. Is there anything called elf apart from the flux of ideas? Does the theory of the flux of ideas satisfactorily explain the phenomena of memory and recognition?
2. Analyze the notions of space and time. Examine the arguments against the reality of time.
3. What is the controversy between Parinamavada and Vivafiavada? Does it make any difference to mans attitude towards life and the words?
4. What is the nature of universals? Are universals independent of the particulars? Answer with reference to both Indian and Western treatment of the problem
5. Explain clearly the relation between Thought and Reality in the light of Sankara, Berkeley and Hegel. Which view appears to you to be more satisfactory?
6. Is it desirable for philosophy to be completely divorced from religion? Discuss.

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