Question Paper (Minor I)

Moral Literacy and Moral Choices (HUL 253)

Instructions:

Attempt any one Question.

This is an 'Open Book' exam. However, all answers must be written in your own words; limited use of quotations to illustrate a point is permissible. The use of quotation marks and referencing is mandatory. Plagiarism of any kind would automatically result in a grade of 'Fail'.

- 1. What is ethical relativism? Analyze the arguments for and against ethical relativism. In this context, discuss Mary Midgley's views on why 'moral isolationism' is untenable.
- 2. Evaluate the thesis of ethical egoism. Do you think it is a consistent theory? Discuss with reference to Hobbes' explication of the emergence of society from a 'state of nature'.
- 3. How is Utilitarianism distinct from ethical egoism? Does the development of 'rule utilitarianism' sufficiently address the problem of 'the end justifying the means' that arises for classical utilitarianism?