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INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS

Year One

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Wednesday: 11th December 2013

10:00am – 1:00pm

Instructions:

1. Please read the instructions carefully before answering the questions.
 2. Read each question carefully and write legibly.
 3. This paper is made up of two sections, section A and section B. All of the questions in section A should be answered and only two questions chosen from section B. Section B should be answered on the answer booklet provided. Numbers should be well indicated.
 4. Section A should be answered on the question paper
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Write your answers on the question paper in spaces provided.

Section A (40 marks)

Fill in the blank Spaces as required/choose the right answer out of the given alternative.

1. Etymologically define the term ethics

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Ethics is Normative

because.....

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What do you understand by non- Normative ethics?.....

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Ethics is practical because
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2. An act with double effect is that act which brings with it (*choose the right alternative*).

- a. Two bad effects
- b. A good effect and a bad one.
- c. Two good effects

3. According to the Metaphysical issue of meta-ethics, there are various views on the origin of ethical principles. Choose the right view among the following below.

- a. According to voluntarists, moral principles come from God (supernatural), scripture, revelation.
- b. According to skeptics, moral principles come from God.
- c. According to Platonists ethical principles come from society.

4. State which of the phrases is right (choose right alternative)

- a. The classical theory that focuses on outcome as the basis of morality of an act is consequentialism.
- b. The formal object is about particular principles that guide human acts.
- c. The material object of ethics is the acts of man.

5. According to Ross, what are the basic duties that are part of the fundamental nature of the universe?

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.

6. State which ethical theory it is;

- a. A theory that holds the morality of an action as determined by overall goodness for the biggest number of people.....
- b. Every thing derives from community value.....

- c. The theory of care not hurting others.....
- d. A theory which maintains that we should act according to nature.....
- e. A theory that regards what is right as what is commanded by God and vice versa.....

From 7-12 Agree or Disagree with the expressions below.

- 7. According to Hedonism, moral principles come from society.....
- 8. Knowing and willing are essential qualities of human acts
- 9. Ethics and religion are inseparable. You cannot study ethics without religion.....
- 10. According to Utilitarianism, we act ethically for the sake of emotions.....
- 11. Human actions are judged only by society.....
- 12. According to Thomas Hobbes, we act ethically because of self interests.....

SECTION B (60 Marks)

Answer two questions.

Your answers should be written in the answer booklet provided.

All questions in this section carry equal marks.

- 1. Discuss the relevance of studying ethics in life.
- 2. Write short notes on the following;
 - a. The link between action, responsibility and dignity.
 - b. Ethics as theoretical, Practical and Normative science
 - c. Conscience
- 3. Examine the various ways on how the morality of human acts can be affected by the impediments to the proper use of the intellect and will.
- 4. Discuss the following classical ethical theories:
 - a. Pragmatism
 - b. Deontological theories
 - c. Moral absolutism
 - d. Ethical relativism
 - e. Virtue / character theory
- 5. Discuss at least four conditions which are necessary to make an action with a double effect morally right.