Department of Humanities and Social Sciences

IIT Bombay Quiz 2

HS 465: Moral and Political Philosophy; Date: 16-4-18; Time: 10:05 -10:25 hours; Weightage: 10%

Note: round off the lone wrong/less appropriate alternative. Answers in the answer box alone would be evaluated.

- Q 1 Civil disobedience is: (a) used to protest against the unjust law; (b) a peaceful method to draw the attention of the ruler; (c) civil because it is against the method of military approach or violent way; (d) it is not the method that anyone can use against any government.
- Q 2 Media can be a good help for democracy: (a)) if it earns money through advertisements and provides you paid news; (b) if it mobilizes public opinion; (c) if it involves itself in investigative journalism exposing politicians; (d) if it organizes discussions on harmful effects of preservatives on food items.
- Q 3 Democracy believes in public good and hence (a) putting a criminal in jail and trying to reform him would not be a waste; (b) even criminals have rights that has to be recognized in democracy and hence basic needs have to be met; (c) criminals can never be reformed is the view of psychologists; (d) experiments on criminals have proved that allowing criminals to lead a normal family life in jail creates a strong desire in them to reform themselves.
- Q 4 Adversarial system of judiciary has the following disadvantages: (a) it is the affected party that should complain and seek justice and one may fail to perceive injustice; (b) innocent children cannot seek justice because they are not considered majors; (c) one needs substantial money to receive some help from good advocates; (d) generally there is provision to go to a higher court if one strongly feels that justice is not done to oneself in a lower court.
- Q 5 Judicial activism fills the gap in the law: (a) since law is blind; (b) legislative has not responded appropriately to the need of the hour; (c) there is delay sometimes in enacting the appropriate laws; (d) judges feel sometimes the need to act, but procedurally no one comes forward to draw the attention of the judiciary.
- Q 6 Public Interest Litigation is a concept evolved in Indian Judiciary because: (a)the case pertains to public good and many individuals can be considered to be stake holders; (b) the expectation of public at large is that judges should take interest in such cases since it is a neglected area in judiciary where there is no appropriate law enacted; (c) there are some helpless individuals who cannot seek the intervention of judiciary; (d) there is no possibility of misusing the judiciary in such cases since any judgment on the part of the judiciary and the ruling is welcome to public.
- Q 7 Right to information is a welcome change in Indian Democracy since: (a) individuals can know certain information which are not in the public domain; (b) having the correct information helps one to have proper assessment of one's rights; (c) the information thus obtained will be official record and can be used in litigations; (d) it does not cost anything to government by giving the available information to the citizens who are seeking them.

Q 8 Secularism aims at: (a) using religious resource for social good; (b) not using the religion to help us achieve political goal; (c) using religious resources can occasionally lead to religious conflicts that would be against democracy; (d) religion is a private affair in India.

Q 9 By making right to education we have succeeded in improving the conditions of poor Indians because (a) children are persuaded to seek admission in one school or the other; (b) they will get at least one mid-day meal if they go to school; (c) full literacy can be achieved in this manner; (d) if it is a right, government will take care of education of all children below 14 years.

Q 10 Feminism is an important issue in India because: (a) there are roughly 50% of citizens who are women and under-privileged; (b) it is a fashionable thing to follow developed countries and feminism is active in developed countries; (c) feminism wants to minimize the disparity between the two sexes of males and females; (d) the society cannot be considered just unless equal opportunity is given to both the sexes.

Answer Box

Note: If you change your mind, write revised answer in the appropriate place. Do not overwrite.

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5	a b c d	5		
6	a b (c) d	6		
7	a b c (d)	7		
8	a b c d	8		
9	a (b) c d	9		
10	a b c d	10		

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