

Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science

Autonomous

B.A. / B.Sc. Semester End Examination, January/ February 2022

Semester: I/ III

Subject: Philosophy

Title: Current Ethical Issues (Generic Elective Course)

Duration: 2 Hours

Max. Marks: 60

Instructions: 1. **Q.1.** is compulsory. From **Q. 2.** to **Q. 7.**, answer **ANY FOUR.**

2. Figures to the right indicate full marks.

Q. 1. We have discussed a wide range of current issues that evoke discussion about their ethical conflicts. Is this something that is important to the growth of humanity, knowledge and civilisation, or just a big waste of time? Elaborate and justify your viewpoint in either case. **(12)**

Q. 2. How would you explain the concept of surrogacy? What do you understand by it? Do you feel it is a boon for a person who wants to be a parent, or is it a gateway to creating ethical confusion and conflict in the parent, the surrogate or even the child? You can use examples to emphasise your points. **(12)**

Q. 3. The field of ethics, like any other subject, is full of different viewpoints and theories that try to explain why we think morally a certain way. We have discussed different theories, traditional as well as modern. Please analyse two traditional and two modern ethical theories, and how they influence our thinking with regard to current issues. Give examples. **(12)**

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Q. 4. The movement for equal rights for the LGBTQIA+ community has gained sufficient traction in the last few years, in India and abroad. What is your take on the issue? Do you believe there is merit to their demands or is it just something that has no standing in society? Please be elaborate and clear with regard to your examples and viewpoints **(12)**

Q. 5. We discussed at length the ethical issues with regards to political violence, especially terrorism and the Naxalite movement. **(12)**

a. Do you believe that there is any justification for groups that indulge in political violence?

b. Do people resort to such methods gradually or all of a sudden?

With the help of examples analyse your reasoning.

Q. 6. We are dealing with a lot of the effects of climate change. While there is a lot of positive work being done, the task ahead for a 'green' future is huge. How would you provide creative solutions to create more environmental awareness, sensitivity, and pro-active attitudes to deal with climate change? Compare these with local, national and international movements working in the same areas. **(12)**

Q. 7. When dealing with ethics in media, we have discussed deception and yellow journalism. What do you understand by these terms? Is there an ethical line in media and journalism that should not be crossed or is it okay to use any means to get the story? Given the current state of the Indian media, can journalists do better? Elaborate with examples. **(12)**
