SECTION A

Write notes of about 100 words on FOUR of the following:

1. Compare the ethics of Aristotle, Epicurus and the stoics, and show the similarities and differences. (10)

2. Depict at least three approaches to Biblical ethics briefly, and motivate which one you regard as being most appropriate. (10)

3. What are the central elements of the ethics of Thomas Aquinas, and where do they originate from? (10)

4. What is the central concern of Luther’s ethics, and in what approach to action does it result? (10)

5. Summarise the ethical argument of Hobbes, and state the criteria he poses for ethical action. (10)

6. What is the categorical imperative? How does one know one acts in terms of it? (10)
7. Define the greatest happiness principle, and present an argument for this as an appropriate foundational principle for ethics. (10)

8. How is situationism different from legalism and antinomianism? (10)

SECTION B

Respond to **ONE** of the following in about 200 words. Each question is for 20 marks.

9. How would you describe an ethical issue? (20)

10. Debates about ethical issues are a reflection of a society in an ongoing conversation with itself? Explain. (20)

11. While most ethical issues are the focal point of the public discourse, there are however, certain ethical issues that are most likely to never attract the attention of the wider public. Which ethical issues are these and what is the cause of this? (20)

12. One of the reasons behind the usual complexity of ethical issues is that sometimes there are cases where it becomes difficult to draw a link between an action that gives rise to an ethical issue and the undesired outcome with which it is associated. Explain this while using at least two case studies of your choice (your examples could be factual or fictitious). (20)

13. Not all issues reach a point of being categorized as ethical issues. The ones that reach that stage are those that attract the attention of the key stakeholders in a given society. Who are these stakeholders? In which of these stakeholders are you most likely to find theologians and why? (20)

14. Ethical issues are by their very nature sensitive. Explain this statement with special reference to a variety of factors that give rise to ethical issues. (20)

15. What, in your view, are the merits and demerits of the ongoing debate on whether smoking or not smoking cannabis is ethical or unethical? (20)
SECTION C

Essay-type questions (40 MARKS)

Write about 400 words

Utilising at least three of the ethical theories discussed in the course, write an appraisal of the ethical issues involved in a current ethical issue of your choice, stating, with motivation, and critiquing the ethical position each approach would take, and, on a reasoned assessment of these approaches, stating with motivation, what your position is. Issues that you could discuss include:

16. Should homosexual marriages be allowed?
17. When is an armed uprising legitimate?
18. What economic system is most just?
19. When is abortion moral?
20. Should the state have laws that make prostitution a crime?
21. Is euthanasia ethical?

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