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## Philosophy Mock

Q:- Write short notes on any two of the following:

a) Pragmatism:

b) Empiricism

c) Utilitarianism

a) Utilitarianism:-

Basically, utilitarianism is a school of thought which encourages and advocates the idea of goodness and pleasure for the maximum no. of people. It educates about the concept that we should consider those things which are good or which give us benefits instead of disadvantage or harm. Moreover, it is a consequential theory which tells that if consequences are good then action is good.

In addition, the word Utilitarianism is derived from word "Utility", which means

"state of being useful or beneficial." Not only this, but it also talks about the concept of life in which pleasure is called a good life.

In simple words, if we define and extract a definition of the concept of Utilitarianism, then it is believed that the right course of action is the one that will produce greatest happiness for greatest no. of people.

Action → Result.

Furthermore, if we talk about the motives of the Utilitarianism then they are as "To make life better by increasing the amount of good things such as pleasure and happiness," and "To decrease the amount of bad things, such as pain or unhappiness."

Additionally, there are two major types of utilitarianism, one is "Act Utilitarianism" and another is "Rule Utilitarianism." Act Utilitarianism mainly focuses on actions, which are approved, specifically those in which the maximum pleasure to maximum no. of people is present. On the other hand, Rule Utilitarianism the concept given by John Stuart Mill (A British Philosopher), he states that in rule utilitarianism we should formulate certain rules to perform actions, and we must follow those rules to live a righteous life. He says, "Utility can be minimize only by setting up moral codes that contain rules."

To sum up, utilitarianism is undoubtedly considered one of the major schools of thoughts in philosophy which holds sheer importance / significance in the field of philosophy. It wonderfully explains the concept of goodness, maximum pleasure for the maximum no. of people, Act Utilitarianism and Rule Utilitarianism, which shed light upon the ideas of action and rules.

## b) Pragmatism:-

Primarily, the word "Pragmatism" is a Greek word which means "active" and "efficient", its

fundamental belief/principle is to have faith in flexibility.

Moreover, it develops faith in democracy, values and ideas.

This major school of thought in the field of philosophy was first established by one of the astounding and remarkable

American philosopher and psychologist, William James.

According to the philosophy of Pragmatism, there should be development in society according to environment. Not only has this, but it also a philosophy of practical consequences. Furthermore if we talk about the Etymology of Pragmatism, then the word

was derived by James from the word "Pragma", which is a Greek word, that means "action" and traces the words Practice and Practical to it.

From the perspective of scope, Pragmatism holds an immense scope in the field of Philosophy as it is an educational philosophy, that says, "Education should be about life and growth." Moreover, Pragmatism include two major elements, namely, Practical learning (Focuses on the real world applications of lessons), and Experiential learning (which involves learning through experience, not through simple ideas).

To sum up, from the above discussion we can easily conclude that Pragmatism just like the concept of Utilitarianism holds a significant and major importance in the field of Philosophy, which not only focuses on the practicalism but also the desired goals of human kind. It aesthetically explains the concept of Practicality and activeness which is indeed a major aspect of living a prosperous and successful life.

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