

Major IV

WESTERN ETHICAL THEORIES

Unit – 1

Definition of Ethics – Character and Conduct – Psychological basis of Ethics – Motive and Intention.

Unit – 2

Development of Morality - The Level of Instinct – The Level of Custom, The Reflective morality, The Level of Conscience

Unit – 3

Intuitionism – The Moral Sense School - The Theory of Bishop Butler – The Categorical Imperative of Kant

Unit – 4

Utilitarianism of Bentham, J.S.Mill and Sidgwick

Unit –5

The Ethics of Karl Marx, William James and J.P.Sartre

Books for Study: (Relevant Chapters only)

1. William Lillie, An Introduction to Ethics
2. Harold H.Titus, Ethics of Today
3. J.S.Mackenzie, A Manual of Ethics
4. Ram Nath Sharma, Outlines of Ethics