

PHILOSOPHY (Paper I)

Time Allowed : Three Hours

Maximum Marks : 300

QUESTION PAPER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

(Please read each of the following instructions carefully before attempting questions)

There are EIGHT questions divided in two Sections.

Candidate has to attempt FIVE questions in all.

Question Nos. 1 and 5 are compulsory and out of the remaining, any THREE are to be attempted choosing at least ONE question from each Section.

The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.

Wherever any assumptions are made for answering a question, they must be clearly indicated.

Word limit in questions, wherever specified, should be adhered to.

SECTION 'A'

1. Discuss any three of the following in not more than 200 words each: 20×3=60
- (a) Radical Empiricism of William James
- (b) Category mistake
- (c) Kant's doctrine of transcendental deduction
- (d) Hume's arguments against induction.
2. What according to Bradley is the relation between thought and reality? How does he establish his view that "a relational way of thought must give appearance and not truth"? Discuss. 60
3. Explain Dewey's theory of truth. How does it relate to his conception of knowledge? Discuss. 60
4. Explain and discuss Wittgenstein's view that "the results of philosophy are the uncovering of one or another piece of plain nonsense and of bumps that understanding has got by running its head up against the limits of language". 60

SECTION 'B'

5. Discuss any three of the following in not more than 200 words each: 20×3=60
- (a) Mode of perception according to Nyaya
- (b) Pratitya-Samutpada
- (c) Sabda Pramana
- (d) Swarupa jnana and vritti jnana
6. It is sometimes said that the difference between Madhyamika School of Buddhism and Advaita Vedanta is only superficial and verbal. Do you agree with this view? Compare in this context the chief epistemological and metaphysical tenets of the Madhyamika School and of Advaita Vedanta. 60
7. What is meant by hetvabhasa in Indian logic? Is it formal or material? What according to Nyaya are its kinds? Explain. 60
8. Give an account of the chief tenets of vaiseshika metaphysics. 60