Civil Services (Main) Examination, 1995

PHILOSOPHY

(Paper II)

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. Write critical notes on any three of the following in not more than 200 words each: **20×3=60**

- **(a)** Ideals of democracy
- **(b)** Theocracy as a political ideology
- **(c)** Bloodless revolution
- **(d)** Relevance of varnavyavastha for Sarvodaya

2. 'The relation between Western philosophy and life is not the same as that between Indian philosophy and life'. Elucidate and critically evaluate this statement. **60**

3. Is religious language meaningless? Justify your answer by adequate arguments. **60**

4. State and examine the various definitions of 'dharma.' What one of these is most acceptable and why? **60**

SECTION 'B'

5. Write critical notes on any three of the following in not more than 200 words each: **20×3=60**

- **(a)** Common elements and basic differences in Jainism and Buddhism.
- **(b)** "The philosophical problems are identical with religious problems in India."
- **(c)** Islam as a theo-centric religion
- **(d)** Secularism, sectarianism and religion.

6. Discuss the nature and inter-relationship of different foundations of religious belief. **60**

7. Bring out the inter-relationship between various paths leading to moksha and indicate the nature of moksha. **60**

8. What are the main contemporary philosophies which reject traditional religions and belief in God? How can you defend 'religion' against such attacks? **60**

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