Civil Services (Main) Examination, 1997

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)** Liberty
- **(b)** Kautilya on Sovereignty
- **(c)** Reformative Theory of Punishment
- **(d)** Philosophy of Ecology

2. "Democracy is not merely a form of Government, but a way of life as well." Discuss. **60**

3. 'The individual is not merely a constituent, but a significant constituent contributing to the development of the State'. Explain and examine. **60**

4. Compare and contrast Marxism with the ideal of 'Sarvodaya'. **60**

SECTION 'B'

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

- **(a)** Personalistic notion of God
- **(b)** Immortality of Soul
- **(c)** The path of Disinterested Action
- **(d)** Religion and Morality

6. State and examine the Cosmological Argument for the existence of God. **60**

7. Can we reconcile evil with benevolence and omnipotence of God? Discuss. **60**

8. Bring out the roles of Reason and Revelation in Religious Knowledge. **60**

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