Civil Services (Main) Examination, 1998

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

- **(a)** Interactionism
- **(b)** Esse est percipi
- **(c)** Theory of person
- **(d)** Logical atomism

2. Explain and examine Plato's theory of ideas. **60**

3. How does Moore refute idealism? Critically evaluate. **60**

4. Critically discuss Ayer's view on metaphysics. **60**

SECTION 'B'

5. Discuss any three of the following in not more than 200 words each **20×3=60**

- **(a)** "The soul is nothing but the conscious body"
- **(b)** Ekantavada and Anekantavada
- **(c)** Doctrine of plurality of purusas
- **(d)** "He who knows Brahman becomes Brahman"

6. Discuss the nature and structure of inference according to the Nyaya philosophy and explain the importance of the various steps of pararthanumana. **60**

7. Explain the nature of Brahman according to Ramanuja and discuss the relationship of Brahman with jiva. **60**

8. Give a critical account of Madhva Vedanta. **60**

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