

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. Write short notes on any three of the following in about 200 words each: **20×3=60**
- (a) Hume's Phenomenalism
- (b) Hegel's Dialectical Method
- (c) Quine's attack on Analytic-Synthetic Distinction
- (d) Moore's Defense of Common-Sense
2. 'While Plato's metaphysics is a visionary one, Aristotle's metaphysics is a descriptive one.' Explain fully giving the essential differences between the views of the two thinkers regarding the nature of reality. **60**
3. State and critically examine Spinoza's doctrine of the identity of substance, God and Nature. **60**
4. "Kant's 'Critical Philosophy' is reconciliation between Rationalism and Empiricism." Elucidate the remark fully and bring out the consequence of such reconciliation for the possibility of traditional metaphysics. **60**

SECTION 'B'

5. Write short notes on any three of the following in about 200 words each: **20×3=60**
- (a) Nyaya view of Self
- (b) Buddhistic doctrine of Pratitya-samutpada
- (c) Ramanuja's Refutation of Mayavada
- (d) Samkhya theory of Evolution of Prakrti
6. State and evaluate critically Carvaka view that perception is the only valid source of knowledge. **60**
7. What is Svatahpramanyavada according to Mimamsakas? Is their explanation of error consistent with it? Discuss fully. **60**
8. 'While the Nastika Darshanas reject outrightly the existence of God, the Astika Darshanas do not seem to accord central position to his existence.' Explain and evaluate critically the remark. **60**