

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) Freedom from and freedom to are mutually exclusive.
 - (b) Retributive and deterrent theories of punishment are mutually complementary.
 - (c) Freedom as liberation from Samsara.
 - (d) 'In democratic State strike by government employees is unjustified'.
2. What in your view is the source(s) of gender inequality? Is it Primarily rooted in human biology? In what way if at all, can this inequality be bridged? Explain and defend your position on these issues. **60**
3. What does eco-philosophy mean? Discuss in this context the central thesis of ecological humanism and also explain the distinction between 'ecological understanding' and 'ecological awareness'. **60**
4. What do you understand by 'Sarvodaya'? Consider in this connection the following statement of Mahatma Gandhi: "Every individual must have fullest liberty to use his talents consistently with equal use by neighbours, but no one is entitled to the arbitrary use of the gain from the talents. He is part of the nation or, say, the social structure surrounding him. Therefore, he can use his talents not for self but for the social structure of which he is but a part and on whose sufferance he lives." Would you agree with the above point of view? Defend your position against possible objections. **60**

SECTION 'B'

5. Write critical notes on any three of the following in not more than 200 words each: **20×3=60**
- (a) Is the ontological argument for the existence of God really invalid?
 - (b) is God dead (Nietzsche) or living (faithful people)?
 - (c) What do immanence and transcendence mean in talking about God? Is God really immanent or transcendent?
 - (d) Can the results of a finite action of an individual (karma) determine the nature of the immortal soul (atman)?

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| 6. | Does any of the received “proofs” for the existence of God succeed in proving God’s existence? Discuss. In this context critically consider especially the cosmological argument. | 60 |
| 7. | Are God and religion necessary presuppositions of morality? Elucidate your answer following Kant. Also consider critically in this context the possible ground(s) of morality for an atheist. | 60 |
| 8. | When religion is defined as religare, is Buddhism or Jainism a religion? What are the criteria for an organization to be called a religion? Should there be a transcendent reality in a religion? Discuss. | 60 |