Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2006

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)** Discuss the 'theory of matter' according to Aristotle.
- **(b)** Explain the theory of knowledge according to Locke
- **(c)** Critically discuss the Hegel's Dialectical method
- **(d)** Explain Kant's criticism of the proofs for the existence of God

2. Discuss Hume's Scepticism. **60**

3. Discuss Descartes' Dualism. **60**

4. Explain Spinoza's theory of Substance. **60**

SECTION 'B'

5. Write short notes on any three of the following in about 200 words each: **20×3=60**

- **(a)** Discuss the theory of knowledge, according to Charvaka Philosophy.
- **(b)** Explain the theory of Substance according to Jainism
- **(c)** Discuss Pratityasamutpada in Buddhism
- **(d)** Examine Sankara's Mayavada

6. Critically discuss the Sankhya theory of Causation. **60**

7. Explain Nyaya theory of Pramanas. **60**

8. Discuss the Metaphysics of Acharya Ramanuja. **60**

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