

## 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) Free-market economy is the only way to attain social justice.
  - (b) Negative freedom can, perhaps, ensure freedom to choose, but without any credible assurance for its actual fulfillment.
  - (c) Democracy that gives equal weight to every one's opinion is inefficient in determining the right or wrong thing to do.
  - (d) 'Acceptance of authority of the state is inconsistent with the highest duty of mankind, "the duty to act autonomously".' (Robert Paul Wolff)
2. Consider why punishment is generally thought to require justification. In this context give your critical and comparative account of the main theories of punishment. **60**
3. Describe your understanding of Socialism. Must it be defined in normative terms of a set of values and ideals which socialists seek to realize, or in descriptive terms of the specific economic and political institutions of socialist society? Can the tension between the two be adequately resolved? Discuss. **60**
4. According to some Liberal Political thinkers social and economical inequalities can be justified only if they work to the advantage of the least advantaged members of society. Is this view consistent with Liberalism's cardinal advocacy of individual freedom? Discuss. **60**

### SECTION 'B'

5. Write critical notes on any THREE of the following in not more than 200 words each: **20×3=60**
- (a) Without some conception of immortality, religion has no meaning.
  - (b) 'God permitted evil to exist in order to bring about greater good; Adam's fall was a *Felix culpa* (happy sin).' Leibniz.
  - (c) God is not subject to the Laws of Logic.
  - (d) The difference between 'numinous' and 'mystical' experience.
6. Traditionally omnipotence has been seen as one of the attributes of God. But according to some critics the notion of omnipotent being is paradoxical. In response some theists have tried to resolve the alleged paradox. Describe the paradox and explain the attempts to **60**

resolve it.

7. State and evaluate the cosmological argument for the existence of God. What are its two forms? What is the difference between a dependent being and self-existent being? Why the self-existent being be Theocentric? Can't the nature itself be conceived as self-existent being? Discuss. **60**
8. Explain the doctrine of the Law of Karma. Is it compatible with the freedom of the will? Discuss. **60**