

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:— 3×20=60
- (a) Aristotle's teleological conception of causation
- (b) Wittgenstein's notion of language-game
- (c) Hume and Kant on metaphysics
- (d) Heidegger's contention that essence of "Dasein is its existence".
2. Explain Leibniz's notion of monad. Can monad be regarded as a basic particular in the Strawsonian sense? 60
3. What is the notion of transcendental ego according to Husserl? How is it different from Sartre's notion of the ego? 60
4. Explain the theory of logical construction. Does it provide a satisfactory account of language? 60

SECTION 'B'

5. Write short notes on any THREE of the following in about 200 words each:— 3×20=60
- (a) An examination of Buddhist Nairātmyavāda
- (b) Sāmānya in Vaiśeṣika
- (c) Anupalabdhi as a pramāṇa
- (d) Sri Aurobindo's conception of evolution and involution.
6. "The Madhyamika philosophy tries to adopt the mean between extreme affirmation and extreme negation." Comment. 60
7. Discuss critically Nyāya notion of Vyāpti. 60
8. Explain Saṅkara's view on the status of Jagat and Ramanuja's response to it. 60