Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2009

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. Answer any three of the following in not more than 200 words each: **20×3=60**

(a) Define Monarchy. Is it ethically justified?

(b) "You are not punished for stealing the sheep, but you are punished so that no sheep is stolen." Discuss as to which theory of punishment the statement belongs.

(c) Compare Bodin's and Austin's views on sovereignty.

(d) "Rights and duties are complementary." Explain.

2. (a) Is Theocracy an outdated ideology? Discuss. **30**

(b) Is Secularism analogous to Atheism? Examine in the Indian context. **30**

3. (a) Comment on the relationship between equality and freedom. **30**

(b) Is capital punishment, in your view, ethically justified? **30**

4. Examine the Land and Property Rights of women in India. How far do they contribute to empower women? **60**

SECTION 'B'

5. Answer any three of the following in not more than 200 words each: **20×3=60**

(a) Critically examine the 'Causal' argument as a proof for the existence of God.

(b) If evils and sufferings are the real experiences of individual selves, what role do they play in realizing self-transcendence?

(c) Explain the nature of religious experience. Can this experience be validated?

(d) Is religious language symbolic? Discuss.

6. (a) Analyze the 'Teleological' argument as a proof for the existence of God. **30**

(b) Examine why Man has a desire for Immortality. **30**

7. Comment on the following statements: **30×2=60**

(a) "To be Man is to strive to be God."

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(b) "There are no whole truths; all truths are half truths. It is trying to treat them as whole truths that plays the devil."

8. **(a)** Can the 'God' of Religion be identified with the 'Absolute' of Philosophy? **30**

(b) Comment on the statement that "Religion only promised but never fulfilled the promise". **30**

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