Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2011

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.	**(a)**	How does Plato relate the world of ideas to the empirical world? Discuss.	**15**
	(b)	Why does Descartes not doubt the existence of God? Explain.	**15**
	(c)	What is Russell's idea of 'Incomplete symbols' in his theory of description? Discuss.	**15**
	(d)	"I am responsible for myself and for everyone else". Discuss this statement in the light of Sartre's existentialism.	**15**
2.	**(a)**	"Hume aroused me from my dogmatic slumber". In what context Kant has made this statement? Explain.	**20**
	(b)	Discuss the limitations of verification theory.	**20**
	(c)	What, according to Empiricists is the concept of Substance? Discuss.	**20**
3.	**(a)**	"Meaning of the word lies in its use". Explain in detail.	**30**
	(b)	What, according to Husserl is Intentionality? Discuss its role in arriving at the meaning of object.	**30**
4.	**(a)**	Are the arguments given by G. E. Moore against Idealism, adequate? Give reasons for your answer.	**30**
	(b)	Is the concept of freedom consistent with the theory of determinism of Spinoza? Support your answer with arguments.	**30**

SECTION 'B'

5.	**(a)**	What according to Jainism is Path to Liberation? Discuss.	**15**
	(b)	Is Śūnyavāda a philosophical doctrine? Evaluate.	**15**
	(c)	Do you find any inadequacy in the proofs for the existence of God as given by Naiyāyikas? Give reasons in support of your answer.	**15**
	(d)	Why do the Vaiśeṣikas treat Abhāva as an independent category? Explain.	**15**
6.	**(a)**	Why is Saptabhaṅgi Naya not treated as a doctrine of Scepticism? Discuss.	**20**
	(b)	How do Mīmāṃsakas defend Svataḥ Prāmāṇyavāda against the Naiyāyika criticism? Discuss.	**20**
	(c)	What is the importance of the Buddhist concept of 'Nāma-Rūpa' in the exposition of the Doctrine of Dependent Origination?	**20**
7.	**(a)**	Examine Sāṅkhya's arguments for Bahupuruṣavāda (plurality of Puruṣa).	**30**

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(b) "Yoga is more than a psycho-physical exercise". Analyse this statement and support your conclusion with arguments. **30**

8. (a) Why do Cārvākas reject the concept of Ākāśa. Discuss. **30**

(b) Is the concept of Nirvāṇa a logical necessity for the Buddhists? Give reasons for your answer. **30**

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