

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 each of the following in not more than 150 words each: **12×5=60**
- (a) “Democracy, committed to treating everybody equally, is ineffective as a system of government.”
 - (b) Who amongst Austin, Bodin and Laski, is the most consistent in his analysis of the concept of sovereignty?
 - (c) The ‘political ideology’ of Anarchism.
 - (d) Woman empowerment and Social Justice.
 - (e) Can we dissociate rights of citizens from their duties?
2. (a) “Secularism in the Indian context is not a rejection of religion but a fellowship of religions.” Discuss. **20**
- (b) Is there a necessary connection between social progress and protection against female foeticide? Discuss. **20**
- (c) In what ways is Humanism different from Marxism? Discuss. **20**
3. (a) What is multiculturalism? Can it be an impediment for development and progress? Discuss. **20**
- (b) Which of the theories of punishment would help us prevent the crime of corruption in Indian society? Discuss. **20**
- (c) “Denial of access and inheritance of land and property to women is a denial of their fundamental rights as humans.” Discuss. **20**
4. (a) What were Gandhi’s views on varṇa and jāti? Critically discuss Ambedkar’s disagreement with Gandhi’s treatment of varṇa. **30**
- (b) What can be the causes for mass violence? Can mass violence ever be justified on moral grounds? Discuss. **30**

SECTION 'B'

5. Discuss all five of the following in not more than 150 words each: **12×5=60**
- (a) “God permitted suffering to discipline the human being.”
 - (b) Can the existence of God be proved with cogent and convincing rational arguments?

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| | (c) | Are rebirth and liberation analagous concepts? Explain. | |
| | (d) | Can the notion of absolute truth be justified on rational grounds? | |
| | (e) | Do the concepts of Ishvara and Brahman signify the same reality in Advaita Vedanta? | |
| 6. | (a) | “If God does not exist then why should one be moral all the time?” Discuss. | 20 |
| | (b) | Analyse Paul Tillich’s statement that “symbolic language alone is able to express the ultimate.” | 20 |
| | (c) | Discuss the cognitivist account of the nature of religious language. | 20 |
| 7. | (a) | Explain the distinction between Deism and Theism. | 20 |
| | (b) | Is the idea of immortality of the soul utopian or it is realizable? Discuss. | 20 |
| | (c) | “I can be moral without being religious, but I cannot be religious without being moral.” Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 20 |
| 8. | (a) | What is the object of religious experience? Is it empirical or trans-empirical? Explain in detail. | 30 |
| | (b) | The concept of revelation is essentially opposed to religious pluralism. Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 30 |