

## PHILOSOPHY (Paper I)

**Time Allowed : Three Hours**

**Maximum Marks : 250**

### 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.

Attempts of questions shall be counted in sequential order. Unless struck off, attempt of a question shall be counted even if attempted partly. Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.

### SECTION 'A'

1. Write short answers to the following in about 150 words each: **10×5=50**
- (a) How are the synthetic a priori judgements justifiable according to Kant? Explain.
  - (b) Bring out the significance of 'language games' in Wittgenstein's use theory of meaning.
  - (c) Explain the significance of 'bracketing' in Husserl phenomenology.
  - (d) Does Leibniz's theory of pre-established harmony necessarily lead to determinism? Discuss.
  - (e) How far are Quine's arguments in "Two Dogmas of Empiricism" justified? Discuss.
2. (a) Distinguish between knowledge and belief according to Plato. How is it based on his metaphysics? Explain. **20**
- (b) Explain the doctrine of Cartesian dualism and examine critically arguments in favour of it. **15**
- (c) Evaluate critically Hume's criticism of theory of causation. **15**
3. (a) Are empirical statements conclusively verifiable? Discuss the limitations of 'verification theory of meaning'. **20**
- (b) Why does Wittgenstein disagree with Bertrand Russell's interpretation of atomism in the philosophy of Tractatus? Discuss. **15**
- (c) Are G.E. Moore's arguments in defence of common sense satisfactory? Give reasons. **15**
4. (a) Explain Kierkegaard's concept of choice. How does the concept of choice in metaethics differ from normative ethics? Explain. **20**
- (b) State and evaluate Heidegger's claim that temporality is the horizon against which the being of any entity is understood. **15**
- (c) Explain the significance of Aristotle's doctrine of form and matter in his theory of causation. **15**

### SECTION 'B'

5. Write short answers to the following in about 150 words each: **10×5=50**
- (a) "Limits of knowledge and world are determined by my sense perception." Discuss this claim of Carvakas.

- (b) Explain the epistemological differences between Sautrāntika and Vaibhāṣika schools of Buddhism.
- (c) Bring out the significance of the concept of adhyāsa in Sankara's philosophy to develop his metaphysics.
- (d) Are the arguments given in favour of existence of prakṛti adequate in Sāṃkhya philosophy? Discuss.
- (e) Can arthāpatti (postulation) be reduced to anumāna (inference)? Discuss it from the Mīmāṃsā point of view.
6. (a) How is the theory of causation central to the theories of Reality in classical Indian tradition? Discuss. **20**
- (b) Explain the concept of Karma and discuss its various types according to Jain philosophy. **15**
- (c) How is an absence of an object known according to Naiyāyikās and Mīmāṃsakas? Discuss. **15**
7. (a) Bring out the philosophical implications of introducing extraordinary (alaukika) perception in Nyaya philosophy. **20**
- (b) Explain the nature and levels of samprajnata samadhi. How does each level lead more towards asamprajnata samadhi? **15**
- (c) Examine the Sāṃkhya view on liberation that "the self is neither bound nor liberates, nor does it transmigrate". **15**
8. (a) How does the nature of Brahman differ in the philosophy of Sankara, Ramanuja and Madhva? Discuss critically. **20**
- (b) How does Nagarjuna explain the concept of Sunyata? **15**
- (c) How is Sri Aurobindo's integral yoga an advancement over Pātanjala yoga? Discuss. **15**