

**CC/M/EXAM.  
2020**

**PHILOSOPHY**

PAPER—II

Time : 3 hours ]

[ Full Marks : 250

**Note :** 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.

SECTION—A

**1.** Answer *any five* of the following questions : 10×5=50

- (a) Briefly explain the importance of Social and Political Philosophy.
- (b) Are the claims of the state and the individual mutually conflicting? Discuss.
- (c) Is economic independence essential for equality between men and women? Justify your answer.
- (d) Is a democratic government better than a benevolent dictatorship? Give reasons for your answer.
- (e) Is Theocracy a dictatorship? In which way is theocracy related to secularism? Critically discuss.
- (f) What is corruption and what are its social and political sources? Elaborate.
- (g) Explain and examine Ambedkar's account of untouchability.

**2.** Answer the following questions :

- (a) Define liberty. Discuss the various dimensions of liberty. 5+15=20
- (b) Examine Kautilya's claim as an exponent of sovereignty in ancient India. Why did he think that sovereignty is hierarchical? 10+5=15
- (c) How might citizens be treated in an absolute monarchy and in a constitutional monarchy? Make a comparison. 15

3. Answer the following questions :

- (a) Elucidate and evaluate the concepts that represent the sociological and economic aspect of Marxism. 20
- (b) What is democratic socialism? Do the goals of democracy and socialism coincide anywhere? Discuss with reference to Nehru's vision of democratic socialism. 5+10=15
- (c) "M. N. Roy's Radical Humanism marks a clear departure from Marx". Elucidate and comment. 15

4. Answer the following questions :

- (a) Define punishment. Describe the major theories concerning justification of punishment. 5+15=20
- (b) Give an account of women empowerment indicators. Briefly analyze the growth of women entrepreneurship in India. 7+8=15
- (c) Define Secularism. In what sense is Secularism akin to the principle of Humanism? Discuss. 5+10=15

SECTION—B

5. Answer *any five* of the following questions : 10×5=50

- (a) Explain the moral attributes ascribed to God.
- (b) Distinguish between religious faith and blind faith.
- (c) Determine the relationship of God to man and the world from *Advaita Vedantin* perspective.
- (d) Explain and examine the atheism of Indian Materialism.
- (e) Discuss the Doctrine of Analogy as a non-cognitive view of religious language.
- (f) State and explain the Logical Problem of Evil with reference to *Epicurean Paradox*.
- (g) Explicate the concepts of rebirth and liberation from the perspective of Buddhism.

**6. Answer the following questions :**

- (a) "Religion without morality is mere superstition and fanaticism". Is it true? Discuss the relationship between morality and religion with reference to the above statement. 20
- (b) Is any one of the religions able to find out the Absolute Truth? Answer with reference to the concept of religious pluralism. 15
- (c) "All is God; God is all". Explain and examine the relationship of God with man and the world in context of the above mentioned statement. 15

**7. Answer the following questions :**

- (a) Distinguish between reason and revelation. Explain the role of reason in religion. 5+15=20
- (b) Discuss the Pessimistic and Optimistic responses to the Problem of Evil. Can any one of the above responses be considered as a solution to the Problem of Evil? Justify your answer. 10+5=15
- (c) Critically discuss the Metaphysical argument for proving immortality of the soul. 15

**8. Answer the following questions :**

- (a) Can we prove the existence of God from the very idea of the existence of God? Give arguments for or against your answer with reference to Ontological proof. 20
- (b) Discuss the nature and object of religious experience from Indian perspective. 15
- (c) What is meant by religious language? Explain and examine Paul Tillich's view on religious language as symbolic. 5+10=15

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