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COMBINED COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION (MAIN)

PHILOSOPHY

Paper-II

Time : 3 Hours

Full Marks : 200

- Note :* (1) The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks for the questions.
(2) Attempt five questions in all.
(3) Question No. 1 is compulsory.

1. Write short notes on any *ten* from the following : 4×10=40
- (a) Equality before law
 - (b) Individual's relation to State
 - (c) Democracy
 - (d) Socialism
 - (e) Secularism as equal respect to all religions
 - (f) Punishment for reformation
 - (g) Difference between gender and sex
 - (h) Ecology
 - (i) Revelation in religion
 - (j) Argument from design for the existence of God
 - (k) Attributes of God
 - (l) Definition of religion
2. Answer any *eight* questions from the following : 5×8=40
- (a) What is Plato's conception of justice?
 - (b) What is Laski's conception of sovereignty?

- (c) Does democracy mean majoritarianism?
- (d) What is retributive theory of punishment?
- (e) Is violence consistent with co-existence?
- (f) What is impersonal God?
- (g) State an ontological proof for the existence of God.
- (h) Is reason consistent with faith?
- (i) Does morality consist of command of God?
- (j) Does morality require immortality of soul?
3. Answer any *five* questions from the following : 8×5=40
- (a) What do you understand by equality of opportunity?
- (b) What are different forms of democracy?
- (c) Is Hindu culturalism consistent with secularism?
- (d) What do you understand by the idea of Sarvodaya?
- (e) Explain naturalistic conception of God.
- (f) How can soul be liberated? Answer from the perspective of religion.
- (g) What is gender equality?
4. Answer any *four* questions from the following : 10×4=40
- (a) What is Kautilya's theory of sovereignty?
- (b) Can caste discrimination be eliminated to achieve equality?
- (c) Explain the idea of State.
- (d) What is the relation between religion and morality?
- (e) What is mysticism? Explain.
5. Answer any *two* questions from the following : 20×2=40
- (a) How did humanism emerge in the history of Western Philosophy? Discuss.
- (b) How does dialectical development of history take place according to Marxism? Discuss.
- (c) What is the problem of evil? Discuss at least one solution to this problem.

6. Answer any *four* questions from the following : 10×4=40
- (a) How is philosophy relevant to ecological problems?
 - (b) What do you understand by justice as fairness? Discuss.
 - (c) Explain Austin's theory of sovereignty.
 - (d) Explain conception of God as person.
 - (e) What is scientific temper? Discuss.
7. Answer any *two* questions from the following : 20×2=40
- (a) What is the distinction between positive liberty and negative liberty? Discuss.
 - (b) Explain the distinction between socialism and communism in Marxism.
 - (c) What is cosmological proof for the existence of God? On what grounds it has been criticized?
8. Explain Bodin's theory of sovereignty. Is it consistent? Discuss. 40
9. Can there be religion without God? Discuss with examples. 40
10. What arguments are given for immortality of soul? Answer with reference to both Indian and Western Philosophy. 40
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