

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. Answer/Write briefly on any ten of the following :

4×10=40

- (a) Reformative punishment
- (b) How to promote gender equality?
- (c) Compare and contrast reason and revelation.
- (d) Morality without religion
- (e) Naturalistic religion
- (f) Secularism
- (g) Ethics of ecosystem
- (h) Ontological argument for the existence of God
- (i) Types of evil
- (j) Secular concept of liberation
- (k) Concept of justice
- (l) Gandhi's concept of Sarvodaya

2. Discuss briefly on any eight of the following :

5×8=40

- (a) Austin's sovereignty
- (b) Class concept of justice
- (c) Negative liberty versus Positive liberty
- (d) Liberal versus Marxist views of equality

- (e) Principles of Humanism
- (f) Two examples of religion without God
- (g) Naturalistic religion
- (h) Demerits of democracy
- (i) Deep ecology
- (j) Scientific temper versus Superstitions

3. Answer any *five* of the following :

8×5=40

- (a) Discuss the problem of reconciliation between liberty and authority.
- (b) Discuss the problem of reconciliation between equality and liberty.
- (c) Mention the different types of justice.
- (d) Mention the different characteristics of sovereignty according to Laski.
- (e) Bring out the real meaning and nature of liberty.
- (f) What are the three important theories of punishment? Explain briefly.
- (g) How is scientific temper to be cultivated for the progress of any society?

4. Answer any *four* of the following :

10×4=40

- (a) Compare and contrast direct democracy with representative democracy.
- (b) How to justify equality in the midst of inequality?
- (c) Compare and contrast between social justice and economic justice.
- (d) Critically discuss Kautilya's understanding of sovereignty.
- (e) Explain the Absence of restraint versus the Burden of constraint.

5. Answer any *two* of the following :

20×2=40

- (a) What are revelation and mysticism? Are they compatible with reason? Explain.
- (b) Is the belief in the immortality of the soul based on Holy Scriptures or reason or postulate? Examine.
- (c) Can humanism and secularism go together? Discuss and explain.

6. Answer any *four* of the following :

10×4=40

- (a) Critically discuss Bodin's view of sovereignty.
- (b) Draw the distinction among pain, suffering and evil. Briefly explain their conceptual distinction.
- (c) What is the nature of the State? Explain the relationship between the individual and the State.
- (d) Is violence avoidable or inevitable in a pluralistic and diverse society? Critically examine.
- (e) What is the difference between anthropomorphic conception and non-anthropomorphic conception of religion? Discuss.

7. Answer any *two* of the following :

20×2=40

- (a) In a secular democratic State like India, can a ban on cow slaughter on religious ground be proper and lawful? Critically discuss.
- (b) How is naturalistic religion different from monotheistic religion? Examine and explain.
- (c) Out of the many theories of punishment, which one is the best form of punishment? Give your arguments.

8. Write an essay on different theories of liberation.

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9. Can an individual be moral and spiritual without the belief in God? Explain and discuss.

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10. Is socialism primarily an economic doctrine or not? Can the basic principles of socialism go along with the basic principles of humanism? Discuss.

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