

COMBINED COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION (MAIN)

PHILOSOPHY

Paper—I

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 briefly about any ten of the following :

4×10=40

(a) Plato's idea of the Good

(b) Descartes' *Cogito ergo sum* (I think, therefore, I am)

(c) Kant's distinction between Analytic judgements and Synthetic judgements

(d) Atomic facts with reference to Russell

(e) The phenomenological *epoche*' with reference to Husserl

(f) Strawson's concept of person

(g) Jaina concept of matter (*Pudgala*)

(h) *Nairātmyavāda* (No Soul theory) of Buddhism

(i) Classification of perception in *Nyāya* philosophy

(j) The nature of liberation in *Sāṃkhya* philosophy

(k) Prābhākara theory of error (*Akhyātivāda*)

(l) The concept of *Māyā* in *Advaita Vedānta*

2. Answer any *eight* of the following : 5×8=40

- (a) Briefly explain Aristotle's account of Final cause.
- (b) Write briefly about Berkeley's critique of materialism.
- (c) Give a short account of Humean scepticism.
- (d) Write in brief about Moore's defense of common sense.
- (e) Why cannot 'the religious life' be reduced to 'the ethical life'? Answer with reference to Kierkegaard.
- (f) What is Cārvākas' basic argument for the uncertainty of inference (*Anumāna*)?
- (g) What do you understand by homogenous transformation (*Svarūpaparīṇāma*) of *guṇas*? Answer with reference to Sāṃkhya philosophy.
- (h) Is consciousness an essential attribute of self? Briefly explain your answer from the standpoint of Nyāya philosophy.
- (i) Give a brief account of Vaiśeṣika atomistic theory of creation.
- (j) Write a short note on Mādhava's *Dvaita Vedānta*.

3. Answer any *five* of the following : 8×5=40

- (a) Explain and examine Russell's theory of Definite Description.
- (b) Elucidate the theory of Dependent Origination (*Pratītyasamutpāda*).
- (c) Make an exposition of Spinoza's pantheism.
- (d) Write a short note on invariable concomitance (*Vyāpti*).
- (e) Explain Hegel's dialectical method.
- (f) Bring out the significance of *puruṣa* in the metaphysics of Sāṃkhya philosophy.
- (g) Explain John Locke's arguments for the rejection of innate ideas.

4. Answer any *four* of the following : 10×4=40
- (a) Explain and examine G. E. Moore's refutation of idealism.
 - (b) What are the basic characteristics of Leibnitz's monads?
 - (c) State and explain Jainism's *Saptabhaṅginaya* (Seven forms of judgement).
 - (d) Explicate Sartre's notion of 'bad faith'.
 - (e) Elucidate *Samavāya* (Inherence) as a category (*Padārtha*) of Vaiśeṣika philosophy.
5. Answer any *two* of the following : 20×2=40
- (a) Explain and examine Plato's theory of ideas.
 - (b) Critically evaluate Kant's criticism of the proofs for the existence of God.
 - (c) Explicate Wittgenstein's statement, "what *can* be shown, *cannot* be said."
6. Answer any *four* of the following : 10×4=40
- (a) Explain Aristotle's account of Form and Matter.
 - (b) Write a note on Descartes' Mind-Body dualism.
 - (c) Bring out the significance of *adhyāsa* and *avidyā* in Saṅkara's *Advaita Vedānta*.
 - (d) What is meant by 'existence precedes essence'? Answer with reference to existentialism.
 - (e) Critically evaluate the Nyāya theory of causation.
7. Answer any *two* of the following : 20×2=40
- (a) What do you understand by 'antinomy'? Explain Kant's four antinomies.
 - (b) Explain and examine W. V. O. Quine's refutation of the dogma of reductionism and that of Analytic-Synthetic distinction.
 - (c) Write an essay on *śabda pramāṇa* (Verbal testimony).

8. Explain the metaphysical and epistemological differences on which the four schools of Buddhism are distinguished from each other. 40
9. Explain and examine the logical positivists' rejection of metaphysics. 40
10. Write an essay on Rāmānuja's *Viśiṣṭa Advaita Vedānta*. 40
