

CIVIL SERVICE EXAM 2009
30.10.2009

SI No. 1438

B-DTN-J-QBA

PHILOSOPHY

Paper I

Time Allowed: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 300

INSTRUCTIONS

Each Question is printed both in Hindi and English Medium.

Answer must be written in the medium specified in the Admission Certificate issued to you, which must be stated clearly on the cover of the answer book in the space provided for the purpose. No Marks will be given for the answers written in a medium other than that specific in the Admission Certificate.

Candidates should attempt Question No. 1 and 5 which are compulsory and any three of the remaining questions selecting at least one question from each Section.

The number of marks carried by each question is indicated at the end of the question.

SECTION – A

1. *Comments short notes on any **THREE** of the following in not more than 200 words each:* 20×3=60

- a) Interactionism in the philosophical context.
- b) “The rational is real and real is rational.” – Comment.
- c) “To be is to be perceived” – Discuss.
- d) “Existence precedes essence” – Comment.

2. a). Compare the views of Leibniz and Hume on the concept of substance. 30

b). Examine how Ayer eliminates metaphysics. 30

3. a). What are Quine’s objections with regard to the verification theory of meaning? 30

b). Compare the view of Spinoza and Sartre on Freedom. 30

4. Comment on each of the following in about 200 words each: 20×3=60

a). Plato's analogy of the cave and its significance in his theory of knowledge.

b). Kant's objections against the ontological argument for the existence of God.

c). Descartes' mind body dualism and Strawson's response to it.

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SECTION 'B'

5. Write short notes on any three of the following in about 200 words each: 20×3=60

a). Anekantavada

b). Adhyasa

c). Hetvabhasa according to Nyaya

d). Conception of Kaivalya according to yoga.

6. Compare Aristotle's view regarding causation with that of the Samkhya School's view of causation. 60

7. Compare the view points of Nyaya , Vaisesika , Mimansha and Buddhism on the issue of knowledge of abhava. 60

8. Compare Patanjali's Yoga with Integral Yoga expound by Aurobindo bringing out clearly points of similarity and dissimilarity. 60