



PHILOSOPHY (M): 2012

Paper II

15 October, 2012

Time Allowed: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 300

INSTRUCTIONS

Each question is printed both in Hindi and in English.

Answers 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. Now marks will be given for the answers written in a medium other than that specified in the Admission Certificate.

Candidates should attempt Questions 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.

Important: Whenever a question is being attempted, all its parts /sub-parts must be attempted contiguously. This means that before moving on to the next question to be attempted, candidates must finish attempting all parts/sub-parts of the previous question attempted. This is to be strictly followed.

Pages left blank in the answer-book are to be clearly struck out in ink. Any answers that follow pages left blank may not be given credit.

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Section – A

1. **Write critical notes on each of the following is not more than 150 words each:** **12x5=60**

(a) “Democracy, committed to treating everybody equally, is ineffective as a system of government.”

(b) Who amongst Austin, Bodin and Laski, is the most consistent in his analysis of the concept of sovereignty?

(c) The ‘political ideology’ of Anarchism.

(d) Woman empowerment and Social Justice.

(e) Can we dissociate rights of citizens from their duties?

2. (a) “Secularism in the Indian context is not a rejection of religion but a fellowship of religions.” Discuss. 20

(b) Is there a necessary connection between social progress and protection against female foeticide? Discuss. 20

(c) In what ways is Humanism different from Marxism? Discuss. 20

3. (a) What is multiculturalism? Can it be an impediment for development and progress? Discuss. 20

(b) Which of the theories of punishment would help us prevent the crime of corruption in Indian society? Discuss. 20

(c) “Denial of access and inheritance of land and property to women is a denial of their fundamental rights as humans.” Discuss. 20

4. (a) What were Gandhi’s views on varna and jati? Critically discuss Ambedkar’s disagreement with Gandhi’s treatment of varna. 30

(b) What can be causes for mass violence? Can mass violence ever be justified on moral grounds? Discuss. 30

Section – B

5. **Discuss all five of the following in not more than 150 words each:** **12x5=60**

(a) “God permitted suffering to discipline the human beings.”

(b) Can the existence of God be proved with cogent and convincing rational arguments?

(c) Are rebirth and liberation analogous concepts? Explain.

(d) Can the notion of absolute truth be justified on rational grounds?

(e) Do the concepts of Ishvara and Brahman signify the same reality in Advaita Vedanta?

6. (a) "If God does not exist then why should one be moral all the time?" Discuss. 20
(b) Analyse Paul Tillich's statement that "symbolic language alone is able to express the ultimate." 20
(c) Discuss the cognitivist account of the nature of religious language. 20

7. (a) Explain the distinction between Deism and Theism. 20
(b) Is the idea of immortality of the soul utopian or it is realizable? Discuss. 20
(c) "I can be moral without being religious, but I cannot be religious without being moral." Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 20

8. (a) What is the object of religious experience? Is it empirical or trans-empirical? Explain in detail. 30
(b) The concept of revelation is essentially opposed to religious pluralism. Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 30

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