

CSM – 56/20
Philosophy
Paper – I

Time : 3 hours

Full Marks : 300

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.

*Candidates should attempt Q. No. 1 from Section – A and Q. No. 5 from Section – B which are compulsory and any **three** of the remaining questions, selecting at least **one** from each Section.*

SECTION – A

1. Write short notes on any **three** of the following in about **200** words each : 20×3 = 60
 - (a) Cartesian Method of Doubt
 - (b) The Idea of Pre-established Harmony is advocated by Leibnitz
 - (c) Locke's rejection of Innate Ideas
 - (d) The Sartre's slogan "Existence precedes Essence".

2. Explain, following Kant, how synthetic a priori knowledge is possible. 60
3. Elucidate Hume's theory of Causality. 60
4. Explain, following Moore, how commonsense propositions could be defended. 60

SECTION – B

5. Write short notes on any **three** of the following in about **200** words each : 20×3 = 60
 - (a) Jaina theory of Saptabhanginaya
 - (b) Buddhist theory of Nairātmyavāda
 - (c) Sāṃkhya theory of Causation
 - (d) Śaṃkara's doctrine of Monism
6. Explain the Buddhist arguments for Kṣaṇikavāda. 60
7. Explain the Nyāya concept of liberation. 60
8. Elucidate Rāmānuja's refutation of the Doctrine of Māyā. 60

