

CSM – 57/20
Philosophy
Paper – II

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. Answer any **three** of the following in about **200** words each : 20×3 = 60
 - (a) What reasons can show Plato's view as incomplete that the best government would be led by a minority of the most highly qualified persons — "aristocracy of Philosopher Kings" ? Comment in the light of nature and forms of Democracy.

- (b) "Treat Like Cases as Like." examine the Concept of Equality by exploring the definition and forms of it.
 - (c) Highlight the fundamental and exclusive features of Deterrent theory of Punishment by comparing the features of other theories of Punishment.
 - (d) "The purpose of the non-human world is to serve the interests of the human world". comment in the light of Philosophy of Ecology and provide a rationale for accepting or rejecting the statement.
2. Examine the concept of Justice and its forms. Do you agree that Justice is directly connected to Happiness in some way ? Build an argument in favor of your answer. 60
3. Highlight the philosophical linkages and necessary inter-relationship between Ahimsa and Sarvodaya in the light of Mahatma Gandhi's thought. 60

4. Indian Constitution upholds under its fundamental duties to develop scientific temper, humanism and spirit of inquiry and reform. Support your view with an appropriate argument. 60

SECTION – B

5. Answer any **three** of the following in about 200 words each : $20 \times 3 = 60$

- (a) Explain the arguments given in favor of the Naturalism as a philosophical position to explain the concept of God. Do you agree with the argument proposed by Naturalists ? Provide a rationale for your view.
- (b) Do you agree that Revelation fails Reason ? Comment and extend an argument in the light of the nature of Religious Experience.
- (c) Give a critique of the arguments extended by the Atheistic thinkers to disprove the existence of God.
- (d) Is the Co-existence of Evil and God a contradiction ? Comment and support your answer with a philosophical justification.

6. Give a comparative account of personalistic and impersonalistic perspective on the concept of God by duly highlighting the limitations of each perspective. 60
7. Do you agree that Karma is an essential presumption for upholding the concept of Rebirth ? Formulate an argument in order to show the necessary relationship between the two. 60
8. Religious Statements are Indicative Statements. Discuss and submit a justification for your answer in the context of nature and features of Religious Language. 60

