IAS Mains Philosophy 2005

Paper I

Time Allowed: Three Hours Maximum Marks: 300

Candidates should attempt Questions 1 and 5 which are compulsory, and any THREE of the remaining questions selecting at least

ONE question from each Section.

Section A

- 1. Write short notes on any three of the following in about 200 words each: $20 \times 3 = 60$
 - a. Distinction between opinion and knowledge
 - b. Mind and Body as two interacting substances
 - c. Spinozas conception of the Ultimate Substance
 - d. Quines criticism of analytic-synthetic distinction
- 2. How does Kant respond to Humes scepticism? 60
- 3. State and discuss the logical positivists attempts to eliminate metaphysics. 60
- 4. What is epoche? Bring out its significance for Husserls conception of rigorous science. 60

Section-B

- 5. Write short notes on any three of the following in about 200 words each: $20 \times 3 = 60$
 - a. Jaina definition of Dravya
 - b. The nature of Brahman, Jiva and Jagat according to Madhva
 - c. Nature and kinds of pratyaksa according to Nyaya
 - d. Samkhya conception of Purusa.
- 6. State and discuss the Buddhist notion of Sunyata. 60
- 7. State and discuss the nature and kinds of Dravyas according to Vaisesikas. 60
- 8. Elucidate Sari. Karas conception of Adhyiisa. 60