

# IAS Mains Philosophy 2002

## Paper II

### Section A

1. Write critical notes on any three of the following in not more than 200 words each:  $20 \times 3 = 60$ 
  - a. The concept of equality as a political ideal
  - b. Mahatma Gandhi on sarvadharmasambhava
  - c. Gender-equality: Meaning and need
  - d. Role of scientific temper in a good life
2. Do you think that Democracy is the best form of government? Is there any scope of Beyond Democracy? In this context analyze the notion of Meritocracy. 60
3. What is meant by justice? What are the necessary and sufficient conditions for its availability? Discuss. 60
4. Evaluate M N Roys Humanism as. a response to Marxism. 60

### Section B

5. Write critical notes on any three of the following in not more than 200 words each:  $20 \times 3 = 60$ 
  - a. Ontological proof for the existence of God
  - b. Advaita Vedanta theory of jivanmukti
  - c. Impersonalistic conception of God
  - d. Religion without God
6. Point out the relative importance of reason and revelation in religion. Are the two compatible? Discuss. 60
7. Religion without morality is empty and morality without religion is blind. Do you agree with this contention? Give reasons in support of your view. 60
8. What is meant by immortality of soul? Analyze the arguments o the Bhagavad-Gita in this regard. 60