IAS Mains Philosophy 1995

Paper II

Section A

- 1. Write critical notes on any three of the following in not more than 200 words each:
 - a. Ideals of democracy
 - b. Theocracy an a political ideology
 - c. Bloodless revolution
 - d. Relevance of varnavyavastha for Sarvodaya
- 2. The relation between Western philosophy and life is not the same as that between Indian philosophy and life Elucidate and critically evaluate this statement.
- 3. Is religious language meaningless? Justify your answer by adequate arguments.
- 4. State and examine the various definitions of dharma. What one of these is most acceptable and why?

Section B

- 5. Write critical notes on any three of the following in not more than 200 words each:
 - a. Common elements and basic differences in Jainism and Buddhism.
 - b. The philosophical problems are identical with religious problems in India.
 - c. islam as a theo centric religion
 - d. Secularism, sectarianism and religion.
- 6. Discuss the nature and inter relationship of different foundations of religious belief.
- 7. Bring out the inter relationship between various paths leading to moksha and indicate the nature of moksha.
- 8. What are the main cotemporary philosophies which reject traditional relions and belief in God? How can you defend religion against such attacks?