

IAS Mains Philosophy 2002

Paper I

Section A

1. Write short notes on any three of the following in about 200 words each: $20 \times 3 = 60$
 - a. Hornes Phenomenal ism
 - b. Hegels Dialectical Method
 - c. Quinces attack on Analytic-Synthetic Distinction
 - d. Moores Defense of Common-Sense
2. While Platos metaphysics is a visionary one, Aristotles metaphysics is a descriptive one. Explain fully giving the essential differences between the views of the two thinkers regarding the nature of reality. 60
3. State and critically examine Spinozas doctrine of the identity of substance, God and Nature. 60
4. Kants Critical Philosophy is reconciliation between Rationalism and Empiricism. Elucidate the remark fully and bring out the consequence of such reconciliation for the possibility of traditional metaphysics. 60

Section B

5. Write short notes on any three of the following in about 200 words each: $20 \times 3 = 60$
 - a. Nyaya view of Self
 - b. Buddhistic doctrine of Pratitya-samulpada
 - c. Ramanujas Refutation of Mayavada
 - d. Samkhya theory of Evolution of Prakrti
6. State and evaluate critically Carvaka view that perception is the only valid source of knowledge. 60
7. What is Svatahprerngnvyda according to Mimmsakas? Is their explanation of error consistent with it? Discuss fully. 60
8. While the Nastika Darshanas reject outrightly the existence of God, the Astika Darashanas do not seem to accord central position to his existence. Explain and evaluate critically the remark.