

# IAS Mains Philosophy 1990

## Paper I

### Section A

1. Write critical notes on any three of the following in not more than 200 words on each:
  - a. Platos theory or Forms
  - b. Cartesian Method of Doubt
  - c. Hegals Dialectical method
  - d. Being and Nothingness
2. No empirical proposition is ever certain. Comment.
3. Explain the views of Leibniz concerning substances, called Monarch.
4. Give a critical account of Kants theory about space and time.

### Section B

5. Critically examine any three of the following statements is not more than 200 words on each
  - i. An object of knowledge is determined by means of pramanas.
  - ii. This world is a manifestation of the Sabda-Brahma.
  - iii. Inference is not possible, as it involves the fallacy of petitio-principii
  - iv. Every knowable entity is speak able.
6. Explain and evaluate the yew of Samkara that the Brahman must be free from all the differences (bheda).
7. Elaborate and examine the Buddhist theory of momentariness.
8. State the Vaisesika view about universals (Samanya) and examine it in the light of the Buddhist theory of Apoha.