

IAS Mains Philosophy 1993

Paper I

Section A

1. Write critical notes on any three of the following in not more than 200 words each:
 - a. Humes doctrine of causality
 - b. G. E. Moores way of analysis
 - c. The theory of language-games and its application to philosophy
 - d. The concept of intentionality.
2. It has been said that the entire western philosophical tradition consists of footnotes to Platos teachings. Evaluate the statement critically with illustrations wherever necessary.
3. Has there been a revolution in philosophy in this century as has been claimed? If so, in what respects? If not, why not?
4. Explain and evaluate the main contributions of Bertrand Russell to philosophy, logic, philosophy of language and metaphysics demarcating the various phases of his philosophic development.

Section B

5. Write critical notes on any three of the following (in about 200 words each):
 - a. The Mahayana Conception of Nirvana
 - b. The Sphota theory
 - c. Syadvads and its justification
 - d. Adhdyasa and the proofs for it
6. Explain the main epistemological and metaphysical doctrines of the two main realist schools of Buddhist philosophy. Are their views consistent with anatmavada and pratityasamutpada? Discuss fully
7. How is error explained in Nyaya and Advaita philosophy? Which explanation is more reasonable and why?
8. Explain and examine the Samkya arguments for the existence of Prakriti and Purusha.