CSM – 56/19
Philosophy
Paper – I

Time : 3 hours

Full Marks : 300

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.

*Candidates should attempt Q. No. 1 from Section – A and Q. No. 5 from Section – B which are compulsory and any **three** of the remaining questions, selecting at least **one** from each Section.*

SECTION – A

1. Write short notes on any **three** of the following in about **200** words each :   20×3 = 60

   (a) Aristotle's theory of causation

   (b) Concept of substance in rationalism

   (c) Russell's theory of descriptions

   (d) Phenomenology of Husserl

2. Evaluate the theory of Ideas of Plato.   60

3. Do the logical positivists succeed in their attempt at rejection of metaphysics ? Justify your answer.

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4. Comment on the possibility of synthetic *apriori* judgements in the philosophy of Kant. 60

SECTION – B

5. Write short notes on any **three** of the following in about **200** words each : 20×3 = 60

   (a) Elucidate the concept of Saptabhanginaya in Jainism

   (b) Give an account of the Categories in Vaisesika system

   (c) Mimamsa theory of knowledge

   (d) Moksha as conceived in the Vedanta system

6. Bring out the salient features of Carvaka materialism. 60

7. Analyse the Samkhya theory of evolution. 60

8. Explain the theory of pramanas advocated by the Nyaya system. 60

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