

CSM – 56/16

Philosophy

Paper – I

Time : 3 hours

Full Marks : 300

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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 **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) Bring out the salient features of Plato's Ideas.
 - (b) Highlight Spinoza's views on substance.
 - (c) Give a brief exposition of Berkeley's immaterialism.
 - (d) Explain Hegel's dialectical method.

2. Critically examine causation of Aristotle and Hume. 60

3. How did Kant reconcile rationalism with empiricism ? Discuss. 60

4. Explain the central doctrines of Sartre's existentialism. 60

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SECTION – B

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

(a) Give a brief exposition of Jaina theory of reality.

(b) Highlight the salient features of Buddhist kṣṇikavāda.

(c) How is *Prakṛti* distinguished from Puruṣa in Sāṅkhya ?

(d) Explain the Advaitic conception of *māyā*.

6. Discuss Mīmāṃsā theory of knowledge and error. 60

7. Explain Vaiśeṣika categories. 60

8. Explain the views of Śāṅkara and Rāmānuja on the nature of Brahman. 60

