

**CSM – 57/17**

**Philosophy**

**Paper – II**

*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**

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1. Write notes in not more than **200** words each on any **three** of the following :  
 $20 \times 3 = 60$ 
  - (a) Explain the significance of equality and liberty in any welfare society.
  - (b) What are the characteristic features of democracy ?
  - (c) Explain the Gandhian notion of "Sarvodaya".

- (d) Highlight the salient features of secularism.
2. Critically examine scientific temper as a means of social progress. 60
  3. Explain the significance of the theories of punishment. Which one of them is the most suitable one, according to you, for the contemporary society? 60
  4. Explain the fundamental relationship between the individual and state. Can they exist independent of each other? Explain. 60

#### SECTION – B

5. Write notes in not more than **200** words each on any **three** of the following : 20×3 = 60
- (a) Explain the problem of evil.
  - (b) What is religious language and how is it different from ordinary form of language?
  - (c) What is the naturalistic interpretation of the notion of God?
  - (d) Is soul immortal and disembodied? Explain.

6. Critically examine ontological, cosmological and causal proofs for the existence of God. 60
7. Discuss the doctrine of Karma and Rebirth. 60
8. Is religion a unifying force or a divisive force in the contemporary society ? Discuss. 60

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