PHILOSOPHY
PAPER - I

Time Allowed : 3 hours
Full Marks : 100

Marks for each question is indicated against it.
Attempt any 5 (five) questions taking not more than 3 (three) questions from each Part.

PART A

1. How does Aristotle distinguish Matter from Form? Does he recognise the possibility of ‘Pure Matter’? (15+5=20)

2. “Space and time are empirically real but transcendentally ideal.” (Kant). Discuss in the light of the statement, the true nature of space and time. (20)

3. Write a brief essay on Hegel’s Absolute Idealism. (20)

4. What does Sartre mean when he says that man must create his own essence? (20)

PART B

5. Explain critically why Carvaka school of thought rejects inference as a valid source of knowledge. (20)

6. Elucidate the concept of Pramā. What is its relation to Buddhi, on the one hand, and to pramāna, on the other? (20)

7. Explain Cittavṛttis of Patanjali Yoga. How is the cessation (Nirodhā) of cittavṛttis possible? Discuss. (15+5=20)

8. Compare and contrast Ramanuja’s conception of Iswara with Samkara’s concept of Brahman. (20)

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