

# IAS Mains Philosophy 1994

## Paper II

### Section A

1. Write critical notes on any three of the following in not more than 200 words each:
  - a. The role of critical thinking in philosophy
  - b. The distinction between philosophy and culture
  - c. Terrorism and Democracy
  - d. Satyagraha as a form of Constitutionalism
2. Discuss the nature of philosophy as an examination of fundamental beliefs of human life.
3. Consider critically the view that the metaphysical basis of communism is consistent with its social ideals.
4. Can the ideal of Treat your mother as the Divine be realized in modern Indian family? Clarify reasons for your answer.

### Section B

5. Write critical notes on any three of the following in not more than 200 words each:
  - a. Jainism as a universal religion
  - b. Common and universal elements in Christianity and Islam
  - c. Religious language and cognitive meaning
  - d. The path of devotion.
6. Identify some common problems of theology and philosophy of religion and bring out the difference between their approaches to them.
7. Discuss critically the role of reason and revelation in attaining religious knowledge.
8. State and evaluate the various arguments for the existence of God.