

IAS Mains Philosophy 1994

Paper I

Section A

1. Briefly comment of any three of the following in not than 200 words each.
 - a. All philosophical thought moves within the intellectual on opened by a tradition.
 - b. Philosophy of Common-Sense.
 - c. Man is the measure of all things.
 - d. Truth is subjectivity.
2. Discuss Heideggers notion of death as a mode of existential experience.
3. Can synthetic truths be known a-priori? If so, must such knowledge be knowledge of universal and necessary truths? In this context critically consider Kants view.
4. Give a crilcal appraisal of the various forms of epistemological realism.

Section B

5. Briefly comment on any three of the following in not more than 200 words each
 - a. Sankaras criticism of the doctrine of God as the efficient cause of the world.
 - b. Analysis of perception in the Jaina philosophy.
 - c. The idea of Liberation (Moksa) in the Samkhya philosophy.
 - d. Analysis of false knowledge in the Yoga philosophy.
6. What according to Ramanuja is he cause of the material world? Consider in his connection his critique of the Advaita theory of Maya.
7. What is the Jaina doctrine of Naya? How is it related to the doctrines of Anekantavada and Syadvada? Explain.
8. What is Vyapti? How is it known? Discuss with special reference to the Nyaya System.