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Paper I

Section A

1. Discuss and evaluate any three of the following in not more than 200 words each:
 - a. Plato's theory of ideas
 - b. Monadology of Leibnitz
 - c. Esse est percipi
 - d. Sartre distinguished ontology
2. State and examine Kant's criticism of the proofs for the existence of God.
3. Give a critical account of Moore's refutation of idealism.
4. Explain the verification theory and show whether it leads to the elimination of metaphysics.

Section B

1. Write short notes (not more than 200 words each) on any three of the following:
 - a. Sankaras view on the nature and reality of individual souls (Jivas)
 - b. Saptabhngi Naya
 - c. Kshanikavada
 - d. Ethics of Carvaka school
2. Explain critically the objections raised by Ramanuja against Sankaras concept of maya.
3. Give a comparative account of the concept of causation as found in the various schools of Indian thought.
4. State and examine the doctrine of Pancabheda in the Davaita system of Vedanta.

Paper II

Section A

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1. Write critical notes on any three of the following in not more than 200 words each 3×20
= 60
 - a. J S Mill on Liberty
 - b. Retributive Theory of Punishment
 - c. Concept of Sustainable Development
 - d. Secularism in Indian Context
2. The thing women have yet to learn is nobody gives you power. You just take it. Comment.
60
3. Are the claims of the State and the Individual really mutually conflicting? Discuss. 60
4. Point out three doctrinal differences between Socialism and Marxism. 60

Section B

1. Write critical notes on any three of the following in not more than 200 words each: 3×20
= 60
 - a. Impersonality Concept of God
 - b. Immortality of Soul
 - c. Religion and Morality
 - d. Reason and Revelation
2. Discuss traditional proofs for the existence of God and give your own criticism on each. 60
3. State and explain the chief doctrines of Mysticism. 60
4. Elaborate the nature of Liberation according to Advaita Vedanta. 60

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