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Bihar Public

Service Commission

(BPSC Mains)

Optional Subject - Philosophy

PHILOSOPHY

Section – I

Metaphysics and Epistemology

Candidate will be expected to be familiar with theories types of Epistemology and metaphysics – India and Western – with special reference to the following

(a) Western – Idealism; Realism; Absolutism Empiricism Rationalism; Logical 'I' Positivism; Analysis; Phenomenology; Existentialism and pragmatism.

(b) India- Pramanans and pranaya; Theories of Turth and error, philosophy of language and meaning; Teltheories of reality with reference to main system (Orthodox and Heterodox) of Philosophy.

Section- II

Socio political philosophy and philosophy of Religion

1. Nature of philosophy its relation to life, thought and culture.
2. The following topics with special reference to the Indian context including Indian Constitution:- Political Ideologies; Democracy Socialism, Fascism, Theocracy, Communism and Sarvodaya. Methods of Political Action: Constitutionalism, Revolution, Terrorism and Satyagraha.
3. Tradition, change and modernity with reference to Indian social Institutions.
4. Philosophy of Religious language and meaning.
5. Nature and scope of philosophy of religion. Philosophy of religion with special reference to Buddhism, Jainism, Hinduism, Islam ,Christianity and Sikhism.
 - (a) Theology and philosophy of Religion.
 - (b) Foundations of religious belief, Reason Revelation Faith and Mysticism.
 - (c) God Immortality of Soul, Liberation and Problem of Evil and sin.
 - (d) Equility, Unity and universality of Religions; Religious TLolerance; Conversion Secularism.
6. Moksha – Paths leading to Moksha.