

Assignments for TEE December 2023 and for TEE June 2024

(BA Philosophy Third year)

BPY-009 Contemporary Western Philosophy

Note:

1. Give Answer of all five questions.
2. All five questions carry equal marks
3. Answer to question no. 1 and 2 should be in about 400 words each.

1. Write an essay on the contribution of J. L. Austin and P. F. Strawson in the development of ordinary language philosophy. 20

Or

Discuss and evaluate Wittgenstein's picture theory. 20

2. Discuss Husserl's idea of *epoche*. 20

Or

Discuss and evaluate William James' theory of Pragmatism. 20

3. Answer any **two** of the following questions in about **200 words** each. 2*10= 20

- a) How did Heidegger show that the ontological possibility of Dasein's totality and authenticity becomes ontically concrete? 10
- b) Explain Kierkegaard's idea of philosophy as a philosophy of leap. 10
- c) Evaluate the idea of body in Marcel's philosophy. 10
- d) Critically examine Sartre's idea that human is condemned to be free. 10

4. Answer any **four** of the following questions in about **150 words** each. 4*5= 20

- a) Explain the idea of Rationality in Max Weber's Philosophy. 5

- b) Critically evaluate Marx's idea of historical materialism. 5
- c) What does Gadamer understand by the idea of linguisticity of understanding? 5
- d) "World is the totality of facts, not things." Discuss. 5
- e) What is structuralism? 5
- f) What are the contributing factors for the frustration of human beings, as discussed by Albert Camus? 5

5. Write short notes on any **five** of the following in about **100 words** each. 5*4= 20

- a) Eidetic Reduction 4
- b) Idea of Availability in Marcel's philosophy 4
- c) *Langue* 4
- d) Family Resemblance 4
- e) Post-Modernism 4
- f) Private Language 4
- g) Language as discourse 4
- h) The Oedipus Crisis 4

BPY-010 Epistemology

Note:

1. Give Answer of all five questions.
2. All five questions carry equal marks
3. Answer to question no. 1 and 2 should be in about 400 words each.

1. What is the main assumption(s) of Foundationalism? Discuss. 20

Or

What is Correspondence theory of truth? What is the basic assumption(s) of this theory?
20

2. Write a short essay on Habermas' method of argumentation for norm formation. Why does he emphasize on argumentation? 20

Or

Discuss and evaluate *apoha* theory of Buddhism. 20

3. Answer any **two** of the following questions in about **200 words** each. 2*10= 20

- a) Write a note on *anumana* in Nyaya epistemology. 10
- b) Explain Neo-Pragmatic theory of truth. 10
- c) Write a note on *abhava*. 10
- d) Write an essay on the logical structure of a sentence according to Nyaya Philosophy. 10

4. Answer any **four** of the following questions in about **150 words** each. 4*5= 20

- a) What is the main contention(s) of Ecological Approach to Perception? 5
- b) Explain inductive method. 5
- c) Write a note on the relation between science and philosophy. 5
- d) Compare between Foucauldian and Derrida's critique of the Subject. 5
- e) What are the characteristic features of Feminist Epistemology? Describe. 5

f) Write a note on *sphota* theory.

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5. Write short notes on any **five** of the following in about **100 words** each. 5*4= 20

a) Naturalized Epistemology

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b) *Samanya*

4

c) Doxastic Coherentism

4

d) Pragmatic theory of truth

4

e) *Samanya-lakshan pratyaksha*

4

f) Cartesian Mind

4

g) Form of Life

4

h) Matters of fact

4

BPY-011 Philosophy of Human Person

Note:

1. Give Answer of all five questions.
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3. Answer to question no. 1 and 2 should be in about 400 words each.

1. Write a note on Cyril Desbruslais idea of Human person. 20

Or

Write a note on the relation between Human existence and freedom.

20

2. What is immortality of soul? Write an essay on the Indian philosophical approach to the immortality of soul. 20

Or

What is culture? Do you see Human person as a product of Culture? Give arguments to support your answer. 20

3. Answer any **two** of the following questions in about **200 words** each. 2*10= 20

- a) Differentiate between Darwinism and Neo-Darwinism. 10
- b) Evaluate Bhagvadgita's idea of human person. 10
- c) Evaluate no-soul theory of Buddhism. 10
- d) Write a note on Martin Buber's idea of human person. 10

4. Answer any **four** of the following questions in about **150 words** each. 4*5= 20

- a) What is the argument(s) to support Substantial union between soul and body? 5
- b) Discuss the problem of free will. 5
- c) What are the arguments to establish the existence of Will? 5
- d) What alternative Marleau Ponty gave to Descartes' cogito? 5
- e) What is the meaning of Phenomenology of the human body? 5
- f) What is Symbolic Communication? 5

5. Write short notes on any **five** of the following in about **100 words** each. $5*4= 20$

- a) "As a being so it acts" 4
- b) Reflexive Consciousness 4
- c) Cogito ergo sum 4
- d) Role of language in Human existence 4
- e) Creationism 4
- f) Presuppositions in Fundamental duties 4
- g) Vitalism 4
- h) Gender 4

BPY-012 Philosophy of Science and Cosmology

Note:

1. Give Answer of all five questions.
2. All five questions carry equal marks
3. Answer to question no. 1 and 2 should be in about 400 words each.

1. Do you find any link between Pre-Socratic Thinkers and Science? Try to figure out some common features between them. 20

Or

Write an essay on Pre-Socratic thinkers' understanding and approach on the origin and development of Universe. 20

2. Explain and analyze scientific approach to the understanding of Universe. 20

Or

Explain and analyze the Kantian understanding of Space and Time. 20

3. Answer any **two** of the following questions in about **200 words** each. 2*10= 20

- a) Explain verification method. How did Karl Popper criticize verification method? 10
- b) Write a note on paradigm shift in science. 10
- c) Write a note on Copernican system. 10
- d) Analyze external History of Science. 10

4. Answer any **four** of the following questions in about **150 words** each. 4*5= 20

- a) Do you agree that there is harmony in the universe? Give arguments to support your answer. 5
- b) Write a note on Aristotle's theory of Motion? 5
- c) What is logical positivism? 5
- d) Write a short essay on Special Theory of Relativity. 5
- e) Write a short essay on the philosophical assumptions of steady state theory. 5

f) Write a short essay on philosophical implications of Olber's paradox. 5

5. Write short notes on any **five** of the following in about **100 words** each. 5*4= 20

a) Falsification 4

b) *Horror Vacui* 4

c) Natural Science 4

d) Retrograde Motion 4

e) Hypothesis 4

f) Explanation 4

g) Dual nature of particle 4

h) Incommensurability 4

BPYE-001 Philosophy of Religion

Note:

1. Give Answer of all five questions.
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1. Discuss and examine cosmological arguments to prove the existence of God? 20

Or

Describe main assumptions and features of Sociological approach to the origin of religion. 20

2. Describe the main features of three traditional approaches to understand religious language. 20

Or

Explain and examine Max Weber's approaches to Religion. 20

3. Answer any **two** of the following questions in about **200 words** each. 2*10= 20

- a) Write an essay on the possibility of inter faith dialogue. 10
- b) Discuss problems related to Religious Fundamentalism. 10
- c) Discuss various arguments against theism. 10
- d) Write a note on religious pluralism. 10

4. Answer any **four** of the following questions in about **150 words** each. 4*5= 20

- a) How does Spinoza prove the existence of God? 5
- b) Write a note on Kant's idea of God. 5
- c) "God is simple." Analyze. 5
- d) Do you agree that theological statements are not testable? Justify your answer. 5
- e) "Language is sacred substance." Prove. 5
- f) Discuss Rudolf Otto's phenomenological method to analyze religious experience. 5

5. Write short notes on any **five** of the following in about **100 words** each. $5*4= 20$

- a) *Dharma* 4
- b) Theological Predicates 4
- c) Agnosticism 4
- d) Problem of Evil 4
- e) The 'Wholly other' 4
- f) Atheism 4
- g) Post-modern Religion 4
- h) Unmoved mover 4

BPYE-002 Tribal and Dalit Philosophy

Note:

1. Give Answer of all five questions.
2. All five questions carry equal marks
3. Answer to question no. 1 and 2 should be in about 400 words each.

1. Write an essay on the significance of social movements. 20

Or

Discuss and evaluate Munda's world-view of cosmology. 20

2. Discuss various theories of origin of untouchability. 20

Or

Discuss and evaluate Gramsci's idea of civil Society. 20

3. Answer any **two** of the following questions in about **200 words** each. 2*10= 20

- a) Discuss the role of civil society for Dalit's empowerment. 10
- b) Write a note on the scope of subaltern study. 10
- c) Analyze the social philosophy of MK Gandhi. 10
- d) Analyze the social philosophy of Bhimrao Ambedkar. 10

4. Answer any **four** of the following questions in about **150 words** each. 4*5= 20

- a) What is Moral Evil? 5
- b) Write a note on Narayan Guru's philosophy. 5
- c) Describe the role of folklore in Dalits' world-view(s). 5
- d) Define 'Dalit'. 5
- e) Discuss the role of remembering identity in Dalit philosophy and movements. 5
- f) Describe the transition phase of Tribal's Philosophy. 5

5. Write short notes on any **five** of the following in about **100 words** each. 5*4= 20

a) R. Panikkar's cosmotheandric vision	4
b) Subaltern History	4
c) <i>Nung-Nahan</i>	4
d) Tribe	4
e) Concept of Hegemony to Dalit Politics in India	4
f) <i>Karam</i>	4
g) Identity	4
h) Historiography as re-mebering the lack	4