

## Assignments for TEE December 2022 and for June 2023

### (MAPY Second Year)

#### MPY-002 Western Philosophy

##### Note:

- i) Give answer of all five questions.
- ii) All five questions carry equal marks.
- iii) The answer of questions no. 1 and 2 should be in about 500 words.

1. What is Cartesian dualism? Discuss Anti-Cartesian foundation of Pragmatism. 20

**Or**

Write a note on, 10+10= 20

- a) Language Game,
- b) Family Resemblance

2. Write a note on the notion of causality. How does David Hume challenge the notion of causality? 10+10= 20

**Or**

What is the theory of Innate Ideas? What are the objections raised by Locke against this theory? 20

3. Answer any **two** questions in about 250 words each. 2\*10= 20

- a) Do you agree that there is some common underline theme present in Early and later Wittgenstein? Give arguments to support your answer. 10
- b) Write a note on the Socrates's dialectic method. 10
- c) Write an essay on the Don Scotus's conception of God. 10
- d) Write a note on the sense-reference problem in the light of Frege's philosophy. 10

4. Answer any **four** questions in about 150 words each. 4\*5= 20

- a) Write a note on Kalam cosmological argument. 5
- b) Evaluate the notion of private language. 5
- c) Write a short note on picture theory. 5

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| d) Write a note on the concept of time and space in Kant's philosophy | 5       |
| e) Distinguish Modernism with Post-modernism.                         | 5       |
| f) Write a short note on Logical Positivism.                          | 5       |
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| 5. Write short notes on any <b>five</b> in about 100 words each.      | 5*4= 20 |
| a) <i>Phenomena</i>   | 4       |
| b) Analytic a priori judgement  | 4       |
| c) The idea of 'Potentiality' in Aristotle's philosophy               | 4       |
| d) Black Feminism   | 4       |
| e) <i>Esse est percipi</i>  | 4       |
| f) Coherence theory of truth  | 4       |
| g) Realism  | 4       |
| h) Basic assumptions of Empiricism                                    | 4       |

## MPYE-008 Metaphysics

### Note:

- i) **Answer all five questions.**
- ii) **All five questions carry equal marks.**
- iii) **The answer of questions no. 1 and 2 should be in about 500 words.**
- iv)
  1. Write an essay on the concept of '*Tad Ekam*'. 20  

Or

Critically evaluate, 10+10= 20
    - a) 'Belief is the starting point of Metaphysics'.
    - b) 'Judgement is the starting point of Metaphysics'.
  2. Write a note on, 10=10= 20
    - a) Idea of Actuality,
    - b) Idea of Potency

Or

Write a note on the scope and limit of Metaphysics. 10+10= 20
  3. Answer any **two** questions in about 250 words each. 2\*10= 20
    - a) Evaluate the problem of evil. 10
    - b) Distinguish *arthakriyasamvada* and *saphalpravrittisamarthya*. 10
    - c) What is material cause? What is your opinion on the thesis that 'God is the material cause of this world?' Provide reasons to support your answer. 10
    - d) What is free will? Critically evaluate the notion of free will. 10
  4. Answer any **four** questions in about 150 words each. 4\*5= 20
    - a) Discuss the role of *Vishesh* in Vaisheshika's Metaphysics. 5
    - b) Examine the thesis that 'Being is neither univocal nor equivocal but analogous'. 5
    - c) Write a note on Brahmaparinamvada. 5

- d) In what sense will you define beauty? Give some arguments for subjective and objective understanding of the concept of beauty. 5
- e) Write a note on Primary and Secondary Analogue. 5
- f) Write a note on the concept and kinds of non-existence (*abhava*). 5
5. Write short notes on any **five** in about 100 words each. 5\*4= 20
- a) *Symbebekos* 4
- b) *Samavaya* 4
- c) Causality 4
- d) *Asatkaryavada* 4
- e) The Principle of Excluded Middle 4
- f) Sufficient reason 4
- g) Being as Spontaneous Notion 4
- h) *Vivartavada* 4

## MPYE-009 Philosophy of Science and Cosmology

### Note:

- i) Answer all five questions.
- ii) All five questions carry equal marks.
- iii) The answer of questions no. 1 and 2 should be in about 500 words.

1. Write a note on the commonality and difference between scientific and philosophical methods. 20

Or

What is uncertainty principle? Discuss the philosophical implications of uncertainty principle. 20

2. Write a note on realistic and idealistic account of space and time. 20

Or

Write a note on, 10+10= 20

- a) Conceptual Problems in Science,
- b) Philosophical implications of uncertainty principle

3. Answer any **two** questions in about 250 words each. 2\*10= 20
  - a) What are the philosophical implications of the Bayesian theory of Probability. 10
  - b) Compare Historicism and Logical Positivism in the domain of science. 10
  - c) What is your opinion on the view that 'philosophy is a second order discipline'? Substantiate your opinion. 10
  - d) What is cause-effect relationship? 10

4. Answer any **four** questions in about 150 words each. 4\*5= 20
  - a) Critically evaluate the feminist account of science. 5
  - b) What are the main problems against Hume's notion of 'constant conjunction'? 5

- c) Write a note on the *Aupanishdik* understanding of cosmology. 5
- d) Write a note on the contribution of Kepler to cosmology. 5
- e) What are the postulates of general theory of relativity? 5
- f) Write a note on the philosophical implications of quantum mechanics? 5
5. Write short notes on any **five** in about 100 words each. 5\*4= 20
- a) Idea of incommensurability 4
- b) Space-Time Curve 4
- c) Paradigm Shift 4
- d) Elimination of Metaphysics 4
- e) Deductive Explanation 4
- f) Hubble's Law 4
- g) End of the universe 4
- h) Problems of induction 4

## MPYE-010 Philosophy of Religion

### Note:

- i) Give answer of all five questions.
- ii) All five questions carry equal marks.
- iii) The answer of questions no. 1 and 2 should be in about 500 words.

1. Explain and evaluate Ramanuja's objections against Shankar's Advaita Vedanta. 20

Or

Compare Buddhist and Jain idea of Liberation. 10+10= 20

2. Elucidate the idea of religious experience, in detail? 20

Or

What are the Ontological and causal arguments to prove the existence of God? What are the failures of Ontological and Causal arguments in proving the existence of God according to Kantian Perspective? 20

3. Answer any **two** questions in about 250 words each. 2\*10= 20

- a) Compare the English school and the French school of materialism. 10
- b) What are the main arguments of St. Augustine to prove the existence of God? 10
- c) Compare St. Augustine's and John Hick's theodicy. 10
- d) Write a note on the problem of evil. 10

4. Answer any **four** questions in about 150 words each. 4\*5= 20

- a) Differentiate Religion, Philosophy of religion and Theology. 5

- b) Write a note on the dialectic materialism. 5
- c) Critically evaluate the understanding of 'History' in Marx's Philosophy 5
- d) What is charismatic experience? How does Martin Buber characterize charisma? 5
- e) Write a short note on the idea of religious language. 5
- f) What is free-will? Write a note on the free-will argument. 5
5. Write a short note on any **five** in about 100 words. 5\*4= 20
- a) *Suleh-Kul* 4
- b) Kalam Argument 4
- c) Neurothelogy 4
- d) Numinous 4
- e) Process Theodicy 4
- f) Ritual 4
- g) The Buddha Experience 4
- h) Contribution of St. Anselm in the development of philosophy of language 4



**MPYE-011 Philosophy of Art (Aesthetics)**

**Note:**

- i) Give answer of all five questions.**
- ii) All five questions carry equal marks.**
- iii) The answer of questions no. 1 and 2 should be in about 500 words.**

1. Critical Exposition of,
- a) *rasanumitivada*
  - b) Concept of *Sahridaya* 10+10= 20
- Or**
- Compare Intuitionist Theory of Art and Content Theory of Art 20
2. Explain and evaluate three elements of Descartes' philosophy of Art. 20
- Or**
- Explain and evaluate Advaita Vedāntik Idea of Art Experience. 20
3. Answer any **two** questions in about 250 words. 2\*10= 20
- a) Write a note on the contribution of Bharatmuni in Aesthetics. 10
  - b) Compare *Utpattivada* and *Bhuktivada* about *Rasa*. 10
  - c) Compare Formalistic theory and Representation theory of Art. 10
  - d) Critically evaluate theory of imitation advocated by Plato. 10
4. Answer any **four** questions in about 150 words. 4\*5= 20
- a) Write a note on Plotinus' idea of Intellectual Beauty. 5
  - b) Analyze Susanne K. Langer's view on Art. 5
  - c) Write a note on the Samkhya theory of Art. 5
  - d) Critically evaluate Kant's idea of Sublimity. 5

- e) Write a note on the contribution of Abhinavgupta in the development of Rasa theory.5  
f) Write a note on the doctrine of *Sadharanikarana*. 5

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

- a) *Raudra Rasa* 4  
b) Idea of Sublimity 4  
c) Mimetic Theory of Art 4  
d) Ancillary Feeling 4  
e) *Sthayi Bhava* 4  
f) *Sringara Rasa* 4  
g) *Sanchari Bhava* 4  
h) *Denis* 4

## MPYE-012 Tribal Philosophy

### Note:

- i) Give answer of all five questions.
- ii) All five questions carry equal marks.
- iii) The answer of questions no. 1 and 2 should be in about 500 words.

1. Define Tribe. Describe some features of Tribal World views. 20

Or

Write an essay on the moral issues involved in the idea of development and migration? 20

2. "Do I like my neighbor?" Discuss the social and moral implications of this statement of a tribal man in Kalahari of South Africa in response of a question asked by a reporter (According to the story that comes in *Sacred Tribal Values*). 20

Or

- a) Tribal identity
- b) Tribal Art.

10+10= 20

3. Answer any **two** questions in about 250 words each. 2\*10= 10

- a) Write a note on tribal idea of religion. 10
- b) Write a note on the tribal idea of God and worship. 10
- c) Write a note on the idea of birth and initiation in Santal Tribe. 10
- d) "Art is the idealization of the purely experiential pattern"? Discuss. 10

4. Answer any **four** questions in about 150 words each. 4\*5= 20

- a) What are the social implications of belief in ancestor's spirit? 5
- b) Discuss symbolism? 5

- c) What are the effects produced by *Singbonga on Roa*? 5
- d) How does Korostelina define identity? 5
- e) How does tribal resolve their community problems? 5
- f) What is the meaning of rediscovering the sacred space? Discuss. 5

5. Write a short note on any **five** in about 100 words each. 5\*4= 20

- a) The Kharwar Movement 4
- b) *Sarhul* 4
- c) Santal account of heavenly bodies 4
- d) Subaltern History 4
- e) *Parom Disum* 4
- f) Totemism 4
- g) Myth 4
- h) Bhagat Movement 4

## MPYE-013 Philosophy of Technology

### Note:

- i) Give answer of all five questions.
- ii) All five questions carry equal marks.
- iii) The answer of questions no. 1 and 2 should be in about 500 words.

1. Discuss the social and ethical implications of nanotechnology. 20

Or

Discuss Philosophical foundation of Euclidean geometry. Why was Euclidean geometry unable to represent the roughness of reality? Explain. 20

2. a) "Technology gives birth to inequality." Critically analyze this claim. 10+10= 20

a) "Machine can replace Human being." Do you agree with this statement or not? Give reasons for your answer.

Or

a) Critically evaluate the claim that "Death is an evil."

b) What are the three problems about death discussed by Thomas Nagel? 10+10= 20

3. Answer any **two** questions in about 250 words each. 2\*10= 20

a) Write a note on the ethical implications of Stem Cell Research. 10

b) Critically evaluate the stand of Neurotheology on the mystical experience? 10

c) Elucidate the problem of personal identity with respect to technological development. 10

d) Explain the idea of democratization of technology. 10

4. Answer any **four** questions in about 150 words each. 4\*5= 20

a) Discuss the philosophical implications of Chaos Theory.

b) What is 'Turing Machine Approach'? Explain 5

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| c) Critically evaluate the idea of Cultural Dualism.                       | 5       |
| d) Discuss 'The laws of thought approach' of Artificial Intelligence.      | 5       |
| e) Write a short note on the ethical implications of genetic manipulation. | 5       |
| f) Write a note on the idea of <i>Dasein</i> .                             | 5       |
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| 5. Write short notes on any <b>five</b> in about 100 words each.           | 5*4= 20 |
| a) Heidegger's idea of death,  | 4       |
| b) Neurotheology   | 4       |
| c) Absolute Unitary Being'   | 4       |
| d) Technology  | 4       |
| e) Computation Model of Mind   | 4       |
| f) The Julia Set   | 4       |
| g) Hyperreal   | 4       |
| h) Artificial Intelligence   | 4       |

## MPYE-014 Philosophy of Mind

### Note:

- i) Give answer of all five questions.
- ii) All five questions carry equal marks.
- iii) The answer of questions no. 1 and 2 should be in about 500 words.

1. Critically evaluate the view that Language is a contingent system of symbols which accidentally develops in the human community. 20

**Or**

Explain Descartes' mind-body dualism. Do you think Descartes successfully resolved mind-body problem? Give reasons to support your answer.

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2. a) Do you agree that animal has consciousness? Give reasons to support your answer.

b) What are the Ethical implications of denying mind to the animals? 10+10= 20

**Or**

What is ling in Samkhya school? How does the concept of ling (union of *purusa* and *prakriti*) address Mind-Body Problem? Do you think that Samkhya school successfully resolved mind-body problem.

Explain,

10+10= 20

a) Strong and Weak AI 20

3. Answer any **two** questions in about 250 words each. 2\*10= 20
- a) Write an essay on the Wittgenstein's account of understanding. 10
  - b) What are the presuppositions of *Sphotavada*? Discuss. 10
  - c) "Mind and Language are inter-connected." Explain and evaluate. 10
  - d) What is *apohavada*? How does *Apohavada* reject realist understanding of the relation between language and world? 10
4. Answer any **four** questions in about 150 words each. 4\*5= 20
- a) Write a note on the John Locke's idea of complex ideas. 5
  - b) Discuss the idea of Intentionality. 5
  - c) What is Machine Functionalism? Explain briefly. 5
  - d) What is Substance Dualism? Explain briefly. 5
  - e) Critically analyze the idea of emotional mind. 5
  - f) "Understanding is a process". Elucidate. 5
  - g) Critically evaluate Kant's understanding of perception. 5
5. Write short notes on any **five** in about 100 words each. 5\*4= 20
- a) Volition as adaptive decision making 4
  - b) Innate structure of language 4
  - c) Innate idea 4
  - d) Phenomenology 4
  - e) Epiphenomenalism 4
  - f) Property dualism 4
  - g) Brain 4
  - h) Physicalism 4



## MPYE-015 Gandhian Philosophy

### Note:

- i) Give answer of all five questions.
- ii) All five questions carry equal marks.
- iii) The answer of questions no. 1 and 2 should be in about 500 words.

1. What is the idea of *Swaraj* in Gandhian Philosophy? “*Satyagraha* is not possible without *swaraj*”. Analyze. 20

Or

Discuss and evaluate Gandhi’s critique of modernity. 20

2. Discuss Gandhian understanding of *swadeshi*. Compare Gandhian idea of *swadeshi* with some other idea(s) of *swadeshi*. 20

Or

What is *purushartha*? Do you agree that Gandhian approach towards the concept of *Purushartha* is different from its traditional approach? Give reasons to support your answers. 20

3. Answer any **two** questions in about 250 words. 2\*10= 20
- a) Discuss and evaluate the idea of ends and means in Gandhian Philosophy. 10
  - b) Do you agree that for Gandhi *Satyagraha* is a passive resistance? Substantiate your answer. 10
  - c) Discuss the idea of *Ramrajya* in Gandhian philosophy. 10
  - d) “God is truth and Truth is God.” Discuss. 10

4. Answer any **four** questions in about 150 words. 4\*5= 20
- a) Briefly discuss the role of *swadeshi* in *Satyagraha*. 5
  - b) Can religion be coterminous with morality? Discuss in the light of Gandhian philosophy. 5
  - c) Why does Gandhi think that reason is ambiguous and how can it be trained? 5
  - d) Evaluate Gandhian thought on *Varna* system. 5
  - e) Reflect on the complexity of Gandhi's notion of truth. 5
  - f) Write a note on the idea of Gandhian idea of trusteeship. 5
5. Write short notes on any **five** in about 100 words. 5\*4= 20
- a) *Sarvodaya* 4
  - b) Idea of *Charkha* (Idea of spinning wheel) 4
  - c) Idea of *Upavasa* in Gandhian Philosophy 4
  - d) *Ahimsa* in Gandhian Philosophy 4
  - e) Moral argument for the existence of God 4
  - f) Idea of *Brahmacharya* (celibacy) in Gandhian Philosophy 4
  - g) Idea of *Ashrama* in Gandhi's philosophy 4
  - h) *Asteya* (Non-stealing) 4

## MPYE-016 Philosophy of Sri Aurobindo

### Note:

- i) Give answer of all five questions.
- ii) All five questions carry equal marks.
- iii) The answer of questions no. 1 and 2 should be in about 500 words.
- iv)

1. Write a note on the concept and kinds of mind in Aurobindo's philosophy. 20

**Or**

What kind of relation exists between Spirit and matter in Aurobindo's philosophy?  
Discuss and evaluate. 20

2. Discuss and evaluate Aurobindo's idea and vision of education. 20

**Or**

How does Aurobindo describe the evolution of consciousness? Discuss in detail. 20

3. Answer any **two** questions in about 250 words each. 2\*10= 20
  - a) Do you agree that teleology is central to Aurobindo's concept of evolution? Give reasons to support your answer. 10
  - b) How does Aurobindo synthesize matter and spirit? Discuss. 10
  - c) Discuss and evaluate the idea of ignorance in Aurobindo's epistemology. 10
  - d) How Aurobindo reconciled east and west understanding of consciousness? 10
4. Answer any **four** questions in about 150 words each. 4\*5= 20
  - a) Write a note on the concept of *Maya* in Aurobindo's philosophy. 5
  - b) Write a note on the idea of integral yoga. 5
  - c) Write a note on the idea of Environmental Consciousness. 5
  - d) What is the philosophical approach behind 'three madness'? 5

- e) Discuss the characteristics of *Prakriti* in Aurobindo's philosophy. 5
- f) Write a short note on the relationship between individual and society in Aurobindo's philosophy? 5

5. Write short notes on any **five** in about 100 words. 5\*4= 20
- a) Three madeness 4
  - b) Consciousness-Force 4
  - c) Idea of involution 4
  - d) Philosophical implications of poem "who" 4
  - e) Wideness of Consciousness 4
  - f) Inconscient 4
  - g) Role of Silence in Integral Yoga 4
  - h) Dipolar nature of reality 4