

Assignments for TEE December 2023 and for June 2024

(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. Discuss and evaluate Whitehead's conception of God. 20

Or

Discuss and evaluate the spectator theory of knowledge?

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2. Discuss arguments to prove the existence of God given by Aristotle and Thomas Aquinas. 20

Or

Compare Socratic dialectic method with Hegel's dialectic method. 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) Discuss Anti-Cartesian foundation of Pragmatism. 10
- c) What is pure phenomenology? Explain. 10
- d) Discuss the significance of Frege's sense-reference theory. 10

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

- a) How Nietzsche uses "Death of God." metaphor to explain the cultural transformation of his time? 5
- b) What is the idea of *tabula rasa*? 5
- c) Discuss some of the general characteristics of existentialism. 5
- d) Explain Marx's view of historical materialism. 5

- e) Discuss Russell's distinction between knowledge by acquaintance and knowledge by description. 5
- f) Critically evaluate the Picture theory of Wittgenstein. 5

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

- a) *Epoche* 4
- b) Alienation 4
- c) Language game 4
- d) Second wave of feminism 4
- e) Linguistic Turn 4
- f) Hermeneutics 4
- g) Family resemblance 4
- h) Pre-established harmony 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. Explain and evaluate *satkaryavada* of Samkhya philosophy. 20
Or
Explain category of *abhava* in Vaisheshika philosophy. 20
 2. What is Metaphysics? Write an essay on the starting point of metaphysics. 20
Or
Explain and examine four kinds of cause in Aristotle's metaphysics. 20
 3. Answer any **two** questions in about 250 words each. 2*10= 20
 - a) What do you understand by Being as Analogous? Describe. 10
 - b) Evaluate Samkara's concept of reality. 10
 - c) Write a note on the problem of being and becoming. 10
 - d) What is free will? Do you agree that free will exists? Substantiate your answer. 10
 4. Answer any **four** questions in about 150 words each. 4*5= 20
 - a) Evaluate the idea of substance of Aristotle. 5
 - b) Write a note on the relation between matter and form in Aristotle's metaphysics.
 - c) How does Nyaya philosophy prove *asatkaryavada*? 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 the idea of *Dasein*. 5
 - f) Write a note on Carvaka's metaphysics. 5

5. Write short notes on any **five** in about 100 words each. 5*4= 20
- a) *Purusa* in Samkhya philosophy 4
 - b) Prime mover 4
 - c) Becoming 4
 - d) Sufficient Condition 4
 - e) Being as *Agape* (Love) 4
 - f) God in Ramanuja's philosophy 4
 - g) Potency 4
 - h) Logical Truth 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. Discuss and evaluate the idea of Paradigm Shift? 20

Or

Write an essay on the contribution of Karl H Popper in the development of philosophy of science. 20

2. What is the significance of Quantum Mechanics? Compare it with Classical Mechanics. 20

Or

Discuss and evaluate the arguments for expanding Universe. 20

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

- a) Differentiate perceptual and conceptual space and time. 10
- b) Write a note on the relation between Science and Philosophy. 10
- c) How does Heisenberg relate the principle of Uncertainty to the principle of causality? 10
- d) Write a note on the role of teleological explanation in Science. 10

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

- a) Write a short essay on Schrodinger's cat experiment. 5
- b) Discuss the limits of observation in Science. 5
- c) Write a note on the idea of Incommensurability. 5
- d) Compare Lakatos's SRP and Kuhn's notion of Paradigm. 5

- e) What is Quantum Tunneling? 5
- f) “Some say that the only thing that quantum theory has going for it, in fact, is that it is unquestionably correct.” Comment on it. 5
5. Write short notes on any **five** in about 100 words each. 5*4= 20
- a) Epistemological Anarchism 4
 - b) Falsification 4
 - c) Scientific theory 4
 - d) Law of Gravitation 4
 - e) Uncertainty Principle 4
 - f) Special Theory of Relativity 4
 - g) Dual Nature of a Particle 4
 - h) Philosophy of Science 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. What is free will? Discuss the free-will argument in favor of the concept of Evil. 20

Or

What is tolerance? Discuss the role of tolerance in a society. Give some philosophical arguments in favor of tolerance. 20

2. Discuss and evaluate the idea of Dialectical Materialism. 20

Or

What are the Ontological and causal arguments to prove the existence of God? Explain the failure of Ontological and Causal arguments in proving the existence of God in the Kantian Perspective. 20

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

- a) Does Deism successfully relate God and His creation in its philosophy? Examine. 10
- b) Compare scientific and religious explanation of the Universe. 10
- c) Write a note on the significance of myth in religious language. 10
- d) Differentiate between Religion, Theology and Philosophy of religion? 10

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

- a) What is the idea of Numinous? 5
- b) What is the idea of unmoved mover? 5

- c) What do you understand by the concept of sacred? 5
 - d) Why do human beings enter into a relationship with sacred things? 5
 - e) 'Religious statements are moral in content.' Discuss. 5
 - f) What is the idea of *Illud Tempus*? 5
5. Write a short note on any **five** in about 100 words. 5*4= 20
- a) Regenerative experience 4
 - b) Liturgy 4
 - c) Strong version of agnosticism. 4
 - d) Augutine's idea of God 4
 - e) analogy of proportionality 4
 - f) Ritual 4
 - g) Henotheism 4
 - h) Atheism 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. What is Rasa according to Bharat's philosophy of Art? Examine the concept of *Sadharanikaran* in the Philosophy of Art. 20

Or

Explain Aristotle's doctrine of *Catharsis*. Compare it with Plato's theory of Imitation. 20

2. Write a note on Abhinavgupta's and Descartes' contribution in the development of philosophy of Art. 20

Or

Explain and evaluate three elements of Descartes' Philosophy of Art. 20

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

- a) Evaluate Kant's view of Art. 10
- b) Evaluate M Hiriyanna's view on Art Experience. 10
- c) Write a note on *Bhava*. 10
- d) Write a note on the significance of the concept of *dhvani* in the philosophy of Art. 10

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

- a) Define Aesthetics. 5
- b) Discuss Susanne K. Langer's view on Art. 5
- c) What is the idea of Suchness. 5
- d) Discuss *Rasaanumeyavada*. 5

- e) Explain *Sthayibhava*. 5
- f) What do you understand by Rasa as sui generis? Discuss. 5
5. Write short notes on any **five** in about 100 words each. 5*4= 20
- a) *Denis* 4
 - b) Imagination 4
 - c) Aesthetic recipient 4
 - d) Ancillary Feeling 4
 - e) Idea of Sublimity 4
 - f) *Sahrdaya* 4
 - g) *Citraturaganyaya* 4
 - h) *Rasa* 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. Write an essay on the Tribal Art, highlighting the world-view of Tribal as expressed in the Tribal Art. 20

Or

- Explain the concept of soul of Santhal Tribe. Compare this concept of soul with the Gita's concept of soul. 20

2. Write an essay on the life-cycle of Munda Tribe? Can we see this life cycle as harmony between society and individual? Give some arguments to support your answer. 20

Or

What is a folk-lore? Discuss the role of folk-role in tribal's life. 20

3. Answer any **two** questions in about 250 words each. 2*10= 10
 - a) "Do I like my neighbor?" Discuss the social implications of this statement of a tribal man in Kalahari of South Africa in the response of a question asked by a reporter (According to the story that comes in *Sacred Tribal Values*). 10
 - b) Write an essay on the contribution of Adivasi to Indian Civilization. 10
 - c) How "closeness to natural resources" affect tribal life today? 10
 - d) How is tribal consciousness related to sacred? 10
4. Answer any **four** questions in about 150 words each. 4*5= 20

- a) Discuss the significance of Tana Bhagat Movement. 5
- b) Write a note on *Jagirdar* System. 5
- c) Define Tribal. 5
- d) What was the socio-economic significance of Birsa Movement? 5
- e) What is the tribal philosophy of giving name to stars? 5
- f) Write a note on the economic aspect of tribal life. 5

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

- a) Totemism 4
- b) *Karam* Dance 4
- c) Myth 4
- d) *Panrki Bi* 4
- e) Tribal consciousness 4
- f) Tribal Music 4
- g) *Jani Shikar* 4
- h) Sacrifice as a symbolic gift 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. What is Artificial Intelligence? What are the social, economic and ethical challenges Artificial intelligence presented with human civilization. 20

Or

- Discuss the idea of death and *dasein* in the philosophy of Heidegger. 20

2. Explain and evaluate Limbic System Hyper-activation theory of Religious Experience. 20

Or

- Is it right to manipulate human genes? Discuss some ethical and social issues involved in Human Genome Project. 20

3. Answer any **two** questions in about 250 words each. 2*10= 20
 - a) What is the Philosophical presupposition(s) of Fractal Geometry? 10
 - b) "Today nature is indistinguishable from culture." Give your response with appropriate arguments. 10
 - c) Write an essay on the ethical implications of Nano Technology. 10
 - d) Examine functionalist theory of mind in the light of Artificial Intelligence. 10
4. Answer any **four** questions in about 150 words each. 4*5= 20

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| a) What are the philosophical implications of Chaos theory? | 5 |
| b) Is there any scientific base of Physical immortality? Briefly discuss. | 5 |
| c) What is the Philosophical foundation of Euclidean geometry? | 5 |
| d) Write a short essay on the The Sierpinski Triangle. | 5 |
| e) “Machine can replace Human being.” Do you agree with this statement or not? Give reasons for your answer. | 5 |
| f) Write a note on the idea of Neuro Culture. | 5 |
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| 5. Write short notes on any five in about 100 words each. | 5*4= 20 |
| a) Cloning | 4 |
| b) Symbolization of evil | 4 |
| c) Technological Singularity | 4 |
| d) Euclidean geometry | 4 |
| e) Idea of ‘Wholly Other’ | 4 |
| f) Thomas Nagel’s idea of death | 4 |
| g) Qualia | 4 |
| h) Chaos theory | 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. Explain Descartes' mind-body dualism (Cartesian Mind Body dualism). Do you think Descartes successfully resolved mind-body problem? Give reasons to support your answer. 20

Or

What is Language? "Language is a contingent system of symbols which accidentally develops in the human community." Give your view on this statement with arguments. 20

2. Discuss *Apohavada*. 20

Or

How Samkhya define *Purusa* and *Prakriti*? How Samkhya philosophy establishes the existence of *Purusa* and *Prakriti*? 20

3. Answer any **two** questions in about 250 words each. 2*10= 20
- a) Examine phenomenological approach to address mind-body problem. 10
 - b) Write an essay on the relation between thought/mind and language. 10
 - c) Write a note on the relation between memory and remembering? 10
 - d) Compare Hume's and Russell's view on the role of memory in remembering. 10

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

- a) What is 'lived body'? 5

- b) What is *Sphotavada*. 5
- c) Write a note on the role of *Antahkarana* (Inner Physical Instrument) in the theory of knowledge. 5
- d) Examine Gilbert Ryle's objection against Cartesian Mind Body Dualism. 5
- e) "A thing cannot Be and not to Be." Interpret this statement in the light of philosophy of John Locke. 5
- f) Discuss the idea of Category Error/Mistake. 5

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

- a) Brain 4
- b) Reason 4
- c) Emotion 4
- d) Innate Structure of Language 4
- e) Physicalism 4
- f) Volition 4
- g) Mind 4
- h) Descartes' Mind-body dualism 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. Write an essay on Gandhi's Metaphysics. 20

Or

Discuss and examine the idea of ends and means in Gandhian Philosophy? 20

2. Discuss and examine Gandhian understanding of swadeshi. 20

Or

Discuss and examine Gandhi's idea of *ahimsa*. 20

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

- a) Discuss the complexity of Gandhi's notion of truth. 10
- b) "Satyagraha is a passive resistance." Examine. 10
- c) Examine the Gandhian idea of Swaraj. 10
- d) What are the moral implications of eleven vows of Gandhi? 10

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

- a) Discuss the role of *swadeshi* in *Satyagraha*. 5
- b) Discuss the idea of Gandhi's idea of *Ramrajya*. 5
- c) Why does Gandhi think that reason is ambiguous and how can it be trained? 5
- d) Discuss the idea of trusteeship. 5
- e) Discuss the social implications of Constructive Programme. 5
- f) "Ahimsa is the essence of human." Examine this Gandhian Idea. 5

5. Write short notes on any **five** in about 100 words. 5*4= 20
- a) *Asahayog* 4
 - b) Gandhian idea of Education 4
 - c) Pacifism 4
 - d) Ethical implications of *Sarvodaya* 4
 - e) Democracy 4
 - f) “Truth is God” 4
 - g) Anarchism 4
 - h) *Brahmacharya* (Celibacy) 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. Explain and evaluate Integral yoga of Sri Aurobindo. 20

Or

Compare Shankaracharya and Sri Aurobindo's interpretation of 'Tat Tvam Asi'. 20

2. Discuss the concept of *Manas* (mind) in Aurobindo's Philosophy. 20

Or

Discuss and evaluate Aurobindo's views on education. 20

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

- a) Examine seven types of ignorance in Aurobindo's epistemology. 10
- b) Examine Aurobindo's idea of evolution of Consciousness. 10
- c) Examine Aurobindo's concept of reality. 10
- d) What is Psychic being? Discuss in the light of Aurobindo's Philosophy. 10

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

- a) Discuss the role of Silence in Integral Yoga. 5
- b) What is Overmind in Aurobindo's philosophy? 5
- c) Discuss the idea of Integral psychology. 5
- d) How does Aurobindo distinguish between *Jivatma* and *Brahman*? 5
- e) How does Aurobindo distinguish *Purusa* and *Prakriti*? 5
- f) Discuss the idea of Surrender in Integral Yoga. 5

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

a) Concept of Evil in Aurobindo's Philosophy	4
b) Consciousness-Force	4
c) The Illuminated Mind	4
d) Integral education	4
e) Overman	4
f) Psychicisation	4
g) Aurobindo's idea of freedom	4
h) Subconscious Consciousness	4