

Assignments for TEE December 2024 and for June 2025

(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

What is the idea of tabula rasa? How do Dewey and James reject the spectator theory of knowledge? 20

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

Or

Compare Socrates', Marx's and Hegel's dialectic method. 20

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

- a) Write a note on the sense-reference problem in the light of Frege's philosophy. 10
- b) What is the theory of Innate Ideas? What are the objections raised by Locke against this theory? 10
- c) Write an essay on the Don Scotus's conception of God. 10
- d) What is pure phenomenology? Explain.. 10

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

- a) What are the arguments provided by St. Augustine to prove the existence of God? 5
- b) Write a short essay on Private-Language Argument of Wittgenstein.. 5
- c) Examine the thesis that 'Man is the measure of all things'. 5

- d) Write a note on the concept of time and space in Kant's philosophy 5
- e) Examine Russell's distinction between knowledge by acquaintance and knowledge by description. 5
- f) Compare Socratic's and Scholastic's method. 5

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

- a) Hermeneutics 4
- b) Pre-established harmony 4
- c) The idea of 'Actuality' in Aristotle's philosophy 4
- d) Black Feminism 4
- e) *Cogito Ergo Sum* 4
- f) Correspondence theory of truth 4
- g) Nominalism 4
- h) Realism 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

Critically evaluate the idea of substance in Vaisheshika School of Indian Philosophy. 20
 2. What is cause? Critically examine four kinds of cause in Aristotle's metaphysics. 20

Or

Write a note on the scope and limit of Metaphysics. 20
 3. Answer any **two** questions in about 250 words each. 2*10= 20
 - a) What is free will? Critically evaluate the notion of free will. 10
 - b) What is *arthakriya-samvada*? Write a note on the Yogachara's perspective on *arthakriya-samvada*. 10
 - c) Evaluate Samkara's concept of reality. 10
 - d) Discuss and evaluate the idea of role of potency in evolution. 10
 4. Answer any **four** questions in about 150 words each. 4*5= 20

- a) Write a note on Brahmaparinamvada. 5
- b) Write a short essay on kinds of relation. 5
- c) What is the meaning of 'Being as the principle of limitation'? Explain briefly. 5
- d) In what sense will you define beauty? Give some arguments for subjective and objective understanding of the concept of beauty. 5
- e) What is sufficient and necessary reason? Distinguish them with some examples. 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) Actuality 4
- b) Exemplary Ontological Truth 4
- c) Metaphysics 4
- d) Dasein 4
- e) The Principle of Excluded Middle 4
- f) Logical Truth 4
- g) Being as Spontaneous Notion 4
- h) *Samavaya* 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

Discuss and evaluate the idea of Paradigm Shift? 20

2. Differentiate perceptual and conceptual space and time. Compare idealistic and realistic theory of space and time. 20

Or

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

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

- a) What do you understand by observation? Discuss the limits of observation in Science. 10
- b) What are the philosophical implications of the Bayesian theory of Probability 10
- c) Compare Classical Mechanics with Quantum Mechanics. 10
- d) How does Heisenberg relate the principle of Uncertainty to the principle of causality? 10

4. Answer any four questions in about 150 words each. 4*5= 20
- a) Write a note on the Aupanishdik understanding of cosmology. 5
 - b) Highlight the main features of feminist account of science. 5
 - c) Write a note on the philosophical implications of quantum mechanics?. 5
 - d) Write a note on the contribution of Kepler to cosmology. 5
 - e) What are the postulates of special theory of relativity? 5
 - f) Compare the idea of gravitation given by Newton and Einstein. 5
5. Write short notes on any **five** in about 100 words each. 5*4= 20
- a) Decoherence 4
 - b) Idea of incommensurability 4
 - c) Paradigm Shift 4
 - d) Dark Matter 4
 - e) False Vacuum 4
 - f) Hubble's Law 4
 - g) The inflationary Theory 4
 - h) Dual Nature of a Particle 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. 20

2. What are the three modes of understanding the religious language? Explain. 20

Or

What is Philosophy of religion? Compare scientific and religious explanation of the Universe.

20

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

- a) Write a note on the problem of evil. 10
- b) What are the socio-cultural roots of modern atheism? Explain. 10
- c) Compare St. Augustine's and John Hick's theodicy. 10
- d) Does Deism successfully relate God and His creation in its philosophy? Examine. 10

4. Answer any **four** questions in about 150 words each. 4*5= 20
- a) Write a note on the philosophical implications of the idea of rituals. 5
 - b) Differentiate between weak and strong agnosticism. 5
 - c) What is neurotheology? Explain. 5
 - d) Differentiate between Idealistic Theism and Pragmatic Theism. 5
 - e) What is the idea of unmoved mover? 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) Henotheism 4
 - b) Verification Principle 4
 - c) Understanding of 'History' in Marx's Philosophy 4
 - d) Numinous 4
 - e) Process Theodicy 4
 - f) The eternal return 4
 - g) Analogy of proportionality 4
 - h) Cosmological Argument of Anselm 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. Explain the concept of dhvani as an explanation of the mode of communication of the emotional content of the poem. 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 Samkhya's Idea of Art Experience. 20

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

- a) Compare Utpattivada and Bhuktivada about Rasa. 10
- b) Discuss M Hiriyanna's view on Art Experience. 10
- c) Write a note on Bhava. 10
- d) Write a note on the Plato's theory of Imitation. 10

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

- a) Analyze Plotinus' idea of Intellectual Beauty. 5
- b) Analyze Susanne K. Langer's view on Art. 5
- c) Explain the concept of 'aesthetic recipient'. 5

- d) Write a note on Kant's idea of Sublimity. 5
- e) Examine the concept of Rasotpattivada. 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) Sahrdaya 4
- b) Idea of Sympathy in Edmund Burke's Philosophy 4
- c) Mimetic Theory of Art 4
- d) Ancillary Feeling 4
- e) Citraturaganyaya 4
- f) *Sringara Rasa* 4
- g) Imagination 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. Explain the concept of soul of Munda Tribe. Compare this concept of soul with the Gita's concept of soul. 20

Or

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

2. Write an essay on the Tribal Art, highlighting the world-view of Tribal as expressed in the Tribal Art. 20

Or

- What are the constituent factors of tribal identity? Discuss some of the factors that threaten Tribal identity? 20

3. Answer any **two** questions in about 250 words each. 2*10= 10
 - a) Write a note on the tribal idea of God and worship. 10
 - b) What are the consequences of migration? Discuss. 10
 - c) Write a note on the idea of birth and initiation in Santal Tribe. 10
 - d) Write an essay on the contribution of Adivasi to Indian Civilization. 10
4. Answer any **four** questions in about 150 words each. 4*5= 20
 - a) Discuss symbolism? 5
 - b) What are the main features of Bhagat Movement? 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) Discuss Tribal music with its social implications. 5

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

- a) The Kharwar Movement 4
- b) Myth 4
- c) Storytelling 4
- d) Jagirdar System 4
- e) *Parom Disum* 4
- f) Totemism 4
- g) *Har Juwat* 4
- h) Symbolism 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 Chaos Theory? What are the philosophical implications of Chaos theory? Discuss. 20

Or

Discuss the social and ethical implications of nanotechnology. 20

2. What is Artificial Intelligence? Examine functionalist theory of mind in the light of Artificial Intelligence. 20

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) What is the Philosophical presupposition(s) of Fractal Geometry? 10
 - b) Write an essay on the Ethical implications of Human Genome Project. 10
 - c) "Today nature is indistinguishable from culture." Give your response with appropriate arguments. 10
 - d) Write a note on the ethical implications of Stem Cell Research. 10

4. Answer any **four** questions in about 150 words each. 4*5= 20
- a) Why was Euclidean geometry unable to represent the roughness of reality? Explain. 5
 - b) What is 'Turing Machine Approach'? Explain 5
 - c) What is computation model of mind? Discuss. 5
 - d) Write a short note on the ethical implications of genetic manipulation. 5
 - e) Write a note on the idea of Neuro Culture. 5
 - f) Write a note on the idea of 'Absolute Unitary Being'. 5

5. Write short notes on any **five** in about 100 words each. 5*4= 20
- a) Idea of 'Wholly Other' 4
 - b) Genetic Manipulation 4
 - c) Cloning 4
 - d) Cultural Dualism 4
 - e) Qualia 4
 - f) The Julia Set 4
 - g) Hyperreal 4
 - h) Koch Curve 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 (Cartesian Mind Body dualism). Do you think Descartes successfully resolved mind-body problem? Give reasons to support your answer. 20

2. What is 'lived body'? Explain and examine phenomenological approach to address mind body problem. 20

Or

How Samkhya define Purusa and Prakriti? How does the concept of ling (union of purusa and prakriti) address Mind Body Problem? 20

3. Answer any **two** questions in about 250 words each. 2*10= 20
- a) What are the presuppositions of Sphotavada? Discuss.. 10
 - b) Compare Hume's and Russell's view on the role of memory in remembering. 10
 - c) Write an essay on the nature of memory. 10
 - d) Write an essay on the Wittgenstein's account of understanding. 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) Examine Gilbert Ryle's objection against Cartesian Mind Body Dualism. 5
 - d) What are the metaphysical assumptions behind the idea of volition? 5
 - e) "Understanding is a process" Analyze. 5
 - f) How does Kant define perception? Discuss. 5
5. Write short notes on any **five** in about 100 words each. 5*4= 20
- a) Emotional Mind 4
 - b) Volition 4
 - c) Reason 4
 - d) Antahkarana (Inner Physical Instrument) 4
 - e) Epiphenomenalism 4
 - f) Intentionality 4
 - g) Brain 4
 - h) Behaviorism 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. "Truth is God and God is Truth." Describe and examine this statement in the light of Gandhi's Metaphysics. 20

Or

How does Gandhi criticize modernity and western civilization? Discuss and evaluate. 20

2. Discuss Gandhian understanding of swadeshi. Compare Gandhian idea of swadeshi with some other idea(s) 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) Write an essay on the social implications of *Sarvodaya*. 10
 - b) Discuss the idea of Ramrajya in Gandhian philosophy. 10
 - c) Do you agree that Gandhian approach towards the concept of *Purushartha* is different from its traditional approach? Give reasons to support your answers. 10
 - d) Discuss and evaluate the idea of *Upavasa* (fasting) in Gandhian Philosophy. 10

4. Answer any **four** questions in about 150 words. 4*5= 20
- a) Write a note on the idea of Gandhian idea of trusteeship 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) Discuss the social implications of Constructive Programme. 5
- e) Write a short essay on eleven vows of Gandhi. 5
- f) Write a note on the role of ends and means in Gandhian Philosophy. 5
5. Write short notes on any **five** in about 100 words. 5*4= 20
- a) Idea of Charkha (Idea of spinning wheel) 4
- b) Brahmacharya (Celibacy) 4
- c) Gandhi-Ambedkar debate on Caste system 4
- d) Democracy 4
- e) Moral argument for the existence of God 4
- f) Anarchism 4
- g) Idea of *Ashrama* in Gandhi's philosophy 4
- h) *Aparigraha* (Non-possession) 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.

1. Compare Shankaracharya and Sri Aurobindo's interpretation of 'Tat TvamAsi' 20

Or

Explain and evaluate Integral yoga of Sri Aurobindo. 20
2. How does Aurobindo describe the evolution of consciousness? Discuss in detail. 20

Or

Discuss and evaluate Aurobindo's idea and vision of education. 20
3. Answer any **two** questions in about 250 words each. 2*10= 20
 - a) Write an essay on the relationship between individual and society in Aurobindo's philosophy? 10
 - b) How does Aurobindo synthesize matter and spirit? Discuss. 10
 - c) How does Aurobindo describe *maya* as the power of becoming? 10
 - d) Examine Aurobindo's concept of reality. 10
4. Answer any **four** questions in about 150 words each. 4*5= 20
 - a) Explain seven types of ignorance in Aurobindo's epistemology 5
 - b) What is Overmind in Aurobindo's philosophy? 5
 - c) Write a note on the idea of involution. 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 note on the philosophical implications of the poem titled 'Who'. 5
5. Write short notes on any **five** in about 100 words. 5*4= 20
- a) Psychicisation 4
- b) The Illuminated Mind 4
- c) Integral Advaita 4
- d) The significance of physical education 4
- e) Wideness of Consciousness 4
- f) Inconscient 4
- g) Aurobindo's idea of freedom 4
- h) Supramentalisation 4