

**Assignments for TEE December 2020 and for TEE June 2021**

**(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. Figure out the differences between Analytic and Continental Approaches to Philosophy.  
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**Or**

What is post-modernism? Differentiate it from Modernism. 20

2. Characterize Husserl's notion of Intentionality. 20

**Or**

Figure out differences between William James' and John Dewey's 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) Do you agree that Kierkegaard's philosophy is a philosophy of leap? Give arguments to support your answer. 10

c) Explain the idea of Secret and Body in Marcel's philosophy. 10

- d) Write an essay on the contribution of J. L. Austin and P. F. Strawson in the development of ordinary language philosophy. 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) Write an essay on Paul Ricoeur's idea of language as discourse. 5
- c) What does Gadamer understand by the idea of linguisticality of understanding? 5
- d) What arguments Wittgenstein gives to reject the idea of Private language? 5
- e) Discuss Sartre's idea that human is condemned to be free. 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) Parole 4
- d) Atomic Fact 4
- e) Post-structuralism 4
- f) Intentional Facts 4
- g) Alienation 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 Coherence 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

What is Naturalized Epistemology? Write an essay on the methodological relation between Science and Epistemology. 20

3. Answer any **two** of the following questions in about **200 words** each. 2\*10= 20
  - a) Compare between Nyaya and Buddhist definitions of Perception. 10
  - b) Compare between Pragmatic and Neo-Pragmatic theories of truth. 10
  - c) What are the main objections against *Sphota* Theory? How does Mandan Mishra defend *Sphota* theory? 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 Hypothetico-deductive method. 5
  - c) How does Mimamsa Philosophy defend the infallibility of the authority of Veda? 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) Why does Garbis Kortian call Critical Theory a Metacritique? 5

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

- a) Deflationism 4
- b) Differentia (*Prithaktva*) 4
- c) Doxastic Coherentism 4
- d) Plato's definition of Knowledge 4
- e) Gyan-lakshan 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.
2. All five questions carry equal marks
3. Answer to question no. 1 and 2 should be in about 400 words each.

1. "Human person is a mystery-question." What is the meaning of it? How does Cyril Desbruslais prove it? 20

Or

Do you think that there is a relation between Human existence and freedom? Justify your answer. 20

2. What is Transmigration? Write an essay on the Indian philosophical approach to Transmigration. 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) What are the arguments to prove the immortality of Soul? Discuss in detail. 10
- c) Compare between Bhagavad-Gita and Buddhist conception of Human Person. 10
- d) What is the meaning of Phenomenology of the human body? 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) "Ideas are universal yet reality known is individual." Discuss. 5
- c) What are the arguments to establish the existence of Will? 5
- d) What alternative Marleau Ponty gave to Descartes' cogito? 5

- e) "The world is twofold for man in accordance with his twofold attitude." Discuss. 5
- f) Distinguish between Sex and Gender. 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) Abiogenesis 4
- d) Role of language in Human existence 4
- e) Creationism 4
- f) Presuppositions in Fundamental Rights 4
- g) Vitalism 4
- h) Symbolic Communication 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 Plato's understanding and approach on the origin and development of Universe. 20

2. Distinguish between Theological and Scientific approaches to the understanding of Universe. 20

Or

Compare between Kantian, Newtonian and Einstenian understanding of Space-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) Compare between Ptolemy and Post-Ptolemy systems. 10
- c) Compare between Copernican and Non-Copernican systems. 10
- d) Distinguish between Internal and 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) How did Galileo remove the mistakes in Aristotle's theory of Motion? 5
- c) Write a short essay on the Logical Positivist's idea of Science. 5
- d) Write a short essay on General Theory of Relativity. 5

- e) Write a short essay on the steady state theory. 5
- f) Write a short essay on Olber's paradox. 5

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

- a) Death of Absolutism 4
- b) *Horror Vacui* 4
- c) Experimental Science 4
- d) Retrograde Motion 4
- e) Axiom 4
- f) Explanation 4
- g) "Cosmic age too short" 4
- h) Incommensurability 4



## BPYE-001 Philosophy of Religion

### 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. What are the moral, ontological and cosmological arguments to prove the existence of God? Discuss and evaluate. 20

Or

Compare between Kant and Hegel's arguments for the existence of God. 20

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

Or

What is religious pluralism? Do you agree that with the help of evidence we can solve religious conflicts? Give arguments to support your answer. 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) Write an essay on different kinds of Agnosticism. 10
- c) Discuss various arguments against Atheism. 10
- d) Compare between Emile Durkheim and Max Weber's approaches to Religion. 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) "God is simple." Explain. 5
- c) What are the roles and significance of the speaker in the religious language? Discuss. 5
- d) Do you agree that theological statements are not testable? Justify your answer. 5

- e) Describe main assumptions and features of Psychological approach to the origin of religion. 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) Myth 4
- d) Problem of Evil 4
- e) The 'Wholly other' 4
- f) Religious Fundamentalism 4
- g) Post-modern Religion 4
- h) Language as sacred substance 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. Discuss the significance and figure out main features of Oral culture. Compare it with script culture. 20

Or

Write an essay on the Oraon and Munda's world-view of cosmology. 20

2. Discuss various theories of origin of untouchability. 20

Or

What is Gramsci's idea of civil Society? Discuss the role of civil society for Dalit's empowerment. 20

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

- a) Write an essay on the idea of purity of tribe. 10
- b) What are the assumptions behind R. Panikkar's cosmotheandric vision? Discuss. 10
- c) Write an essay on the transition phase of Tribal's Philosophy. 10
- d) Write an essay on the social philosophy of Bhimrao Ambedkar. 10

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

- a) Discuss limits of applicability of Gramsci's concept to Dalit Politics in India. 5
- b) Write a short note on Kinship system in Tribals. 5
- c) Describe the role of folklore in Tribals' world-view(s). 5

- d) Define 'Dalit'. 5
- e) Discuss the role of remembering identity in Dalit philosophy and movements. 5
- f) Describe Historiography as re-mebering the lack. 5

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

- a) Moral Evil 4
- b) Cosmotheandrisim 4
- c) *Nung-Nahan* 4
- d) Concept of Harijan 4
- e) Concept of Hegemony to Dalit Politics in India 4
- f) *Karam* 4
- g) Identity 4
- h) Subaltern Study 4