

Assignments for TEE December 2021 and for TEE June 2022

(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. What is post-structuralism? Differentiate it from Structuralism. 20

Or

Figure out the differences between Analytic and Continental Approaches to Philosophy. 20

2. What are Id and Oedipus complex? Write an essay on the Psychoanalytic theory of Sigmund Freud. 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) Write an essay on the contribution and influence of Marx and Hegel on the critical theory. 10

- c) Do you agree that Kierkegaard's philosophy is a philosophy of leap? Justify your answer. 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. $4 \times 5 = 20$

- a) Write a note on the idea of the 'death of god' in Nietzsche's philosophy. 5
- b) Write a note on Russell's theory of description. 5
- c) What are the main characteristics of Post-modernism? 5
- d) Write a note on the Picture theory. 5
- e) What is the meaning of 'destroying the presence of the other' in Sartre's philosophy? 5
- f) Evaluate Schleiermacher's idea of hermeneutics as the 'art of understanding'. 5

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

- a) Form of Life 4
- b) Idea of Availability in Marcel's philosophy 4
- c) *Parole* 4
- d) *Dasein* 4
- e) *Epoche* 4
- f) Linguisticality of Understanding 4
- g) Alienated Labour 4
- h) Concept of 'Difference' in Derrida's Philosophy 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 are the characteristics of The Constructive Approach to Perception? 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

What is *Vyapti*? How *Nyaya* establishes *Anuman* as a means of knowledge? What are the major objections against *Aanumana* of *Nyaya*? 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) Write an essay on the 'dual-process approach'. 10
- c) What are the four conditions given by *Nyaya* philosophy for a sentence to have real meaning? 10
- d) Write an essay on Methodological Continuity. 10

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

- a) Write *panchavayav vakya* (five head syllogism) of *Nyaya* with an example other than classical example of Fire-smoke. 5
- b) Write a note on the idea of Substance in Aristotle's Philosophy. 5
- c) How does *Mimamsa* Philosophy defend the infallibility of the authority of *Veda*? 5
- d) Differentiate between Traditional and modest foundationalism. 5
- e) What are the characteristic features of Feminist Epistemology? Describe. 5

- f) Write a note on the concept of Participation in Aquinas' philosophy. 5
5. Write short notes on any **five** of the following in about **100 words** each. 5*4= 20
- a) Predictive Inference 4
 - b) Differentia (*Prithaktva*) 4
 - c) Doxastic Basicity 4
 - d) Association of ideas 4
 - e) Gyan-lakshan-pratyaksha 4
 - f) Inference 4
 - g) Synthetic a-priori 4
 - h) Extraordinary Perception 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. Discuss,
 - a) Relationship between Language and Thought
 - b) Relationship between will and Intellect in human beings.

10+10= 20

Or

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

20

2. What is Intellect? Give arguments to prove the existence of Intellect. 20

Or

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

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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 give to prove the transmigration of Soul? 10
- c) Compare between Bhagavad-Gita and Buddhist conception of Human Person. 10
- d) What is the meaning of Phenomenology of the human life? 10

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

- a) "Intellect is capable of Perfect Reflection." Discuss. 5
- b) "Ideas are universal yet reality known is individual." Discuss. 5

- c) Write a note on the Buddhist understanding of Human Person. 5
- d) What alternative Merleau 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) Ex-nihilo 4
- d) Ethical Argument for the freedom of Will 4
- e) The directive function of Language 4
- f) Presuppositions in Fundamental Rights 4
- g) Rational Appetite 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

What is verification method? How Karl Popper criticizes verification method? 20

2. What is Uncertainty Principle? Write a note on the consequences of the Uncertainty Principle. 20

Or

Compare Kantian, Newtonian and Einsteinian understanding of Space-Time. 20

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

- a) Write a note on the Scientific method of Newton. 10
- b) Compare between Ptolemy and Post-Ptolemy systems. 10
- c) Write a note on the postulates of Copernican system. 10
- d) Distinguish between Internal and External History of Science. 10

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

- 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 Special Theory of Relativity. 5
- e) Write a short essay on the Retrograde Motion. 5
- f) Write a short essay on Non-Copernican system. 5

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

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| a) The Hubble constant | 4 |
| b) <i>Weltanschauung</i> | 4 |
| c) Experimental Science | 4 |
| d) Olber's paradox | 4 |
| e) Dual Nature of Matter | 4 |
| f) Explanation | 4 |
| g) "Cosmic age too short" | 4 |
| h) <i>Falsification</i> | 4 |

BPYE-001 Philosophy of Religion

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

Or

Discuss,

- a) Arguments to prove that God is omniscient.
 - b) Mysticism 10+10= 20
2. Discuss the role and limits of evidence to resolve the religious conflicts. 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) Discuss *Kalam* Arguments. 10
 - c) Write a note on Religious Tolerance. 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 Bonaventure prove the existence of God? 5
 - b) "God is simple." Explain. 5
 - c) Write a note on the idea of God in Locke's philosophy. 5
 - d) Do you agree that theological statements are not testable? Justify your answer. 5

- e) Describe main assumptions and features of Sociological 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) Moral Argument for the Existence of God 4
- d) Problem of Evil 4
- e) The 'Wholly other' 4
- f) Naturalism 4
- g) Post-modern Religion 4
- h) Pre-established Harmony 4

BPYE-002 Tribal and Dalit Philosophy

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. Discuss the significance and figure out main features of Oral culture. Compare it with script culture. 20

Or

Write an essay on the idea of *Cosmotheandris*m in Tribal World-view. 20

2. “Relation is imperative as against alienation and discrimination”. Do you agree with this claim? Justify your answer. 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 a note on the principle of discrimination. 10
 - b) Compare Munda’s and Santhal’s account of creation. 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) Write a note on the *Ho* account of creation. 5
- e) Discuss briefly the role of remembering the identity in the Dalit movements.

- 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) Tribal Spirituality 4
 - c) *Concept of Hegemony in Dalit Politics in India*
4
 - d) Concept of Harijan 4
 - e) Alternative Historiography 4
 - f) *Karam* 4
 - g) Identity 4
 - h) Alienation 4