

**BACHELOR OF ARTS**

ASSIGNMENT 2021-2022

**BPYG-171**  
**Applied Ethics**



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Dear Student,

This Assignment booklet has TMAs for the core course **BPYG-171 Applied Ethics**, which is a six credit course. You will have to do Tutor Marked Assignments (TMAs) whose total marks add up to 100 and carry a weightage of 30 per cent.

The Assignment has a mix of long answer type questions, short answer type questions and short note type questions. Before you attempt the assignments, please read the instructions carefully provided in the Programme Guide. It is important that you write the answers to all the TMA questions in your own words. Your answers should be within the approximate range of the word-limit set for a particular section. Remember, writing answers to assignment questions will improve your writing skills and prepare you for the term-end examination.

**You need to submit all the assignments within the stipulated time for being eligible to appear in the term-end examination. The completed assignments should be submitted as per the following schedule.**

<b>Session</b>	<b>Last Date of Submission</b>	<b>Whom to submit</b>
<b>July, 2021 Session</b>	<b>April 30, 2022</b>	<b>The Coordinator of the Study Centre allotted to you</b>
<b>January, 2022 Session</b>	<b>October 31, 2022</b>	

You must obtain a receipt from the Study Centre for the assignments submitted and retain it. Keep a xerox copy of the assignments with you.

The Study Centre will return the assignments to you after they are evaluated. Please insist on this. The Study Centre has to send the marks to the Student Evaluation Division at IGNOU, New Delhi.

**Wishing you all the best!**

**BPYG-171: Applied Ethics**  
**(TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT)**

**Course code: BPYG-171**  
**Assignment Code: BPYG-171/ASST/TMA/2021-22**  
**Marks: 100**

**BPYG-171 Applied Ethics**  
**(Generic Course)**

**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 major problems in the application of normative ethical theories in the domain of technology? Elaborate. 20

**Or**

2. Write a note on, 10+10= 20

A) 'is-ought' gap.

B) the significance of Hippocratic school in the history of biomedical ethics.

2. Discuss in detail preference utilitarianism of Peter Singer in the context of animal rights.  
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**Or**

Write a note on, 10+10= 20

A) the environmental consequences of terrorism.

B) the role of moral values in professions.

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

a) Write a note on the key issues of bioethics. 10

b) What are the salient features of biocentric ethics? 10

c) What are the different ways in which the idea of personhood is defined? And how do these conceptions affect the ethical debate on abortion? 10

d) How will you resolve a conflict among principles in the case of medical ethics?

Elaborate your answer with an example. 10

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

a) What are the arguments given by Immanuel Kant to oppose the idea of suicide? 5

b) Differentiate between retributive and consequentialist approaches of punishment. 5

c) What is surrogacy? Present some arguments in the favour of surrogacy. 5

- d) How media and society are interlinked? Explain briefly. 5
- e) Write a note on the relation between justice and morality. 5
- f) Explain briefly the arguments against capital punishment. 5

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

- a) Doctrine of Double effect 4
- b) Moderate anthropocentrism 4
- c) Reflective morality 4
- d) Role of business ethics in corporate governance 4
- e) Coherentism 4
- f) Utilitarian position on suicide 4
- g) **Digital Divide** 4
- h) Technological enthusiasm 4