

ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2019

MPY – 001: Indian Philosophy

Notes:

- i) Answer all five questions
- ii) All questions carry equal marks
- iii) For every question, refer to the texts and write down the assignment-responses in your own words.
- iv) Answers to question no.1 and 2 should be in about 500 words each

1. Explain the concept of God and paths of liberation as expounded in the Gita. 20

Or

Explain the Mimamsaka theory of knowledge in detail. 20

2. Make a detailed exposition of the Samkhya theory of evolution.

Or

Discuss the eight fold path of yoga. What kind of *siddhis* do yogis attain by the practice of the path of Yoga? Explain.

3. Answer any **two** of the following questions in about 250 words each:

- (a) Write a note on the theory of dependent origination (*pratitya samutpada*). 10
- (b) Discuss the means of liberation according to the Visistadvaita school of Vedanta. 10
- (c) Discuss the realism of the Sautrantika and Vaibhasika schools of thought 10
- (d) Explain the Atomic theory of Vaisesika. 10

4. Answer any **four** of the following in about 150 words each:

- (a) What do you understand by asamaprajnata samadhi? 5
- (b) What is the ontological implication of *sunnyata*? 5
- (c) What is the Jaina concept of Liberation? 5
- (d) Describe the Mimamsa understanding of non-perception (*anupalabdhi*) 5
- (e) Describe the seven types of judgments presented in *syadvada*. 5
- (f) What do you understand by right conduct (*samyak karmanta*)? 5

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

- (a) *Kevala – Jnana* 4
- (b) Varnashrama dharma 4
- (c) *Sat and asat* 4
- (d) Sarvodaya 4
- (e) *Nishkama karma* 4
- (f) *Purushartha* 4
- (g) *Samanya* 4

MPYE 001: **Logic**

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1. What is inference in logic? Explain two kinds of inference with illustration. 20

Or

Explain the general characteristics of dilemma. Discuss the methods used for avoiding dilemma.

2. Discuss the rule of quantification in detail. How would you apply these quantification rules? Illustrate with examples. 20

Or

Why certain fallacies are called fallacies of ambiguity? Explain different types of fallacies of ambiguity with examples.

3. Answer any **two** of the following questions in about 250 words each:

- (a) Elucidate square of opposition. 10
- (b) Describe 'Modus Ponens' and 'Modus Tollens' with an example. 10
- (c) Explain the fallacy of presumption with examples. 10
- (d) How do you relate the major, minor and middle terms in a syllogism? 10

4. Answer any **four** of the following in about 150 words each:

- (a) What do you understand by existential quantifier? 5
- (b) Explain Figure and Mood. 5
- (c) Distinguish between deduction and induction. 5
- (d) Define Truth-table with an example. 5
- (e) Differentiate between reason and inference. 5
- (f) Differentiate 'Proposition' from 'Sentence'. 5
- (g) Explain universal generalization 5

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

- (a) Bi-conditional 4
- (b) Invalidity 4

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| (c) Nonsyllogism | 4 |
| (d) Middle Term | 4 |
| (e) Multi-value logic | 4 |
| (f) Hasty generalization | 4 |
| (g) Connotation of terms | 4 |
| (h) Principles of indirect proofs | 4 |

MPYE-002: ETHICS Assignment

Notes:

- i. Answer all five questions
- ii. All questions carry equal marks
- iii. Answer to question no.1 and 2 should be in about 500 words each
- iv. Before writing the assignment-responses, read the questions, understand them, refer the texts and write down the answers in your own words.

1. "Human person must invent his own values" – Explain with reference to the existentialist humanism of Sartre. 20

Or

Explain the descriptive, normative and critical phases of environmental ethics. Also discuss the 'Why' and 'Why Now' of environmental ethics.

2. Write an essay on human rights. Explain the importance of right to life. 20

Or

What makes international ethics important? Discuss how philosophical schools of thought focus on various aspects of international relations.

3. Answer any **two** of the following questions in about 250 words each.

- (a) Make clear the distinction between values and norms. 10
- (b) How do you understand human freedom and moral responsibility? Explain. 10
- (c) Discuss the emotivism of Ayer. 10
- (d) What do you understand by cultural and ethical subjectivism? 10

4. Answer any **four** of the following in about 150 words each:

- (a) What do you understand by 'the Absolute Should'? 5
- (b) Briefly discuss the right to life. 5
- (c) Briefly discuss distributive justice. 5
- (d) Distinguish between the human order and the moral order. 5
- (e) Name the seven norms proposed by Bentham for the measurement of pleasure. 5
- (f) Write a short note on media and social responsibility 5

5. Write short notes on any five of the following in about 100 words each:

- (a) *Svadharmā* 4
- (b) *Eudaimonia* 4
- (c) Teleology 4

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| (d) Pancasila | 4 |
| (e) Consequentialism | 4 |
| (f) Personhood | 4 |
| (g) Existentialist Humanism | 4 |
| (h) Egology | 4 |

Assignment – 4 MPYE – 003: Epistemology

Notes:

- i) Answer all five questions
- ii) All questions carry equal marks
- iii) For every question, refer to the texts and write down the assignment-responses in your own words.
- iv) Answers to question no.1 and 2 should be in about 500 words each

1. Discuss the conditions that prompted Quine to propose naturalized epistemology. 20
Explain elaborately some of the implications of naturalized epistemology.

Or

Explain the criteria of truth accepted in Indian philosophy and discuss various *khyativadas*.

2. Define certitude. Explain various kinds of certitudes possible. 20

Or

How does one argue for the impossibility of Epistemology from the theory-ladenness of observations? Explain different ways of answering such criticisms.

3. Answer any **two** of the following questions in about 250 words each:
 - (a) Elaborate on Ideal Language Philosophy and Ordinary Language Philosophy? 10
 - (b) How comparison (Upamana) is used as a means of valid knowledge? 10
 - (c) Discuss the three components of hermeneutical enterprise. 10
 - (d) A moderate foundationalism is also a moderate coherentism. Explain. 10
4. Answer any **four** of the following in about 150 words each:
 - (a) Explain the concept of a paradigm. 5
 - (b) What is correspondence theory of truth according to Nyaya school? 5
 - (c) Explain the debate between internalism and externalism? 5
 - (d) Briefly describe the ordinary language philosophy of G. E. Moore. 5
 - (e) What are the main streams that helped in the development of the linguistic turn in Philosophy? 5
 - (f) What are the main streams that helped in the development of the linguistic turn in Philosophy? 5
5. Write short notes on any **five** of the following in about 100 words each:
 - (a) Syadvada 4
 - (b) Fallibilism 4
 - (c) Language game 4
 - (d) Nescience 4

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| (e) Nominalism | 4 |
| (f) Epistemic justification | 4 |
| (g) Constructivism | 4 |
| (h) Postulation (<i>Arthapati</i>) | 4 |

Assignment – 5 MPYE004: Philosophy of Human Person

Notes:

- i) Answer all five questions
- ii) All questions carry equal marks
- iii) For every question, refer to the texts and write down the assignment-responses in your own words.
- iv) Answers to question no.1 and 2 should be in about 500 words each

1. How does Heidegger differentiate between authentic and inauthentic lives? Explain how he situates Dasein as a being-in-the-world? 20

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Explain the basic trends in general anthropology. How is general anthropology related to philosophical anthropology?

2. How does one respond to the Freudian challenge of psychological determinism? 20

Or

How is the individual self conceived across various schools in Indian philosophy?

3. Answer **any two** of the following questions in about 250 words each:

- (a) Explain Marcel's concept of authentic human relationship. 10
- (b) How can human relationships be founded on Kant's notion of persons as "ends in themselves"? Discuss. 10
- (c) Define self-actualization as the perfection of human transformation. 10
- (d) Explain the basic principles of Maslow, on which he bases his humanistic psychology 10

4. Answer **any four** of the following in about 150 words each:

- (a) Discuss the concept of human dignity. 5
- (b) Why persons are to be treated as ends in themselves? 5
- (b) How did Skinner challenge human freedom? 5
- (c) What is Ricoeur's understanding of freedom? 5
- (d) Can we differentiate between freedom and liberty? 5
- (e) How does Marx view human being? 5
- (f) Distinguish between general anthropology and philosophical anthropology. 5

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

- (a) Butterfly Effect 4
- (b) Ghost in a machine 4
- (c) Appetite 4
- (d) Self-actualization 4

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| (e) Animal symbolicum | 4 |
| (f) Death | 4 |
| (g) Facticity | 4 |
| (h) Categorical Imperative | 4 |

Assignment – 6 **MPYE 005: World Religions**

Notes:

- i) Answer all five questions
- ii) All questions carry equal marks
- iii) For every question, refer to the texts and write down the assignment-responses in your own words.
- iv) Answers to question no.1 and 2 should be in about 500 words each.

1. Discuss the eightfold path that Buddhism suggests as a way of overcoming suffering. 20

Or

Write a detailed essay on the Hindu ethics.

2. Explain the core beliefs of Christianity. 20

Or

Explain in detail each of the articles of faith in Islam.

3. Answer **any two** of the following questions in about 250 words each:
 - (a) Make a detailed exposition of the doctrine of dependent origination. 10
 - (b) Explain various virtues that are practiced in Confucianism. 10
 - (c) Explain the Jewish conception of God. 10
 - (d) Give brief descriptions of the animate and inanimate substances discussed in Jainism. 10

4. Answer **any four** of the following in about 150 words each:
 - (a) Describe the Zoroastrian understanding of God. 5
 - (b) What was the vedic concept of God? 5
 - (c) Discuss fate and freewill as conceived in Zoroastrianism. 5
 - (d) Differentiate between the Nirguna and Saguna concepts of Brahman 5
 - (e) What are the basic principles of Jewish faith? 5
 - (f) What are the religious practices of Shintoism? 5

5. Write short notes on **any five** of the following in about 100 words each:
 - (a) Kabbalah 4
 - (b) Eschatology 4
 - (c) Messianic age 4
 - (d) Incarnation 4
 - (e) Right faith (samyag-darshana) 4
 - (f) Aranyakas 4
 - (g) Sufism 4
 - (h) Adi Granth 4

MPYE 006: DALIT PHILOSOPHY Assignment

Note:

- i. Answer all five questions
- ii. All questions carry equal marks
- iii. Before writing the assignment-responses, read the questions, understand them, refer the texts and write down the answers in your own words.
- iv. Answer to question no. 1 and 2 should be in about 500 words each

1. Analyze dalit philosophy of life. How is philosophizing from dalit perspectives unique? Explain. 20

Or

Enumerate the bases for Dalit Eschatology and discuss elaborately its materialist features.

2. Explain how the dalits are dehumanized through denial of due space in a caste-ridden society. 20

Or

Explain the characteristics of Dalit religious philosophy and examine Ambedkar's philosophical analysis of religion from this perspective.

3. Answer **any two** of the following questions in about 250 words each:

- (a) Caste cuts across barriers of Religions. Explain 10
- (b) Write a short essay on the cultural impact of globalization on India. 10
- (c) Analyse the distinction between the features of Dalit and non-Dalit myths and cultural symbols. 10
- (d) Write a short essay on Periyar's Critique of Religion. 10

4. Answer **any four** of the following in about 150 words each:

- (a) What do you understand by a philosophy of liberation? 5
- (b) What is the dalit perspective on the problem of evil? 5
- (c) How has Buddhism affected the dalits? 5
- (d) Discuss the Gandhi-Ambedkar debate in the dalit context. 5
- (e) What are the Dalit expressions of self-assertion? 5
- (f) How is caste related to dalit identity? 5

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

- (a) Subaltern 4
- (b) Kancha Ilaiah 4
- (c) Labour as foundation of dalit Living 4
- (d) Dalit world-view 4

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| (e) Narayana guru | 4 |
| (f) Social utility | 4 |
| (g) Jyotirao Phule | 4 |
| (h) Chakalatwam | 4 |

Assignment – 8 **MPYE-007 Research Methodology in Philosophy**

Notes:

- i) Answer all five questions
- ii) All questions carry equal marks
- iii) For every question, refer to the texts and write down the assignment-responses in your own words.
- iv) Answers to question no.1 and 2 should be in about 500 words each.

1. Compare and contrast the similarities and differences that exist in the methods of Locke, Berkeley and Hume. 20

Or

Explain how a research report should be presented, making short descriptions of each sections of a research report.

2. Illustrate the general components of philosophical methods. How are they related to the scientific method? Explain. 20

Or

Write an essay on the hermeneutical method in philosophy.

3. Answer **any two** of the following questions in about 250 words each:
- (a) Make clear the differences between Hegel and Marxian Dialectics. 10
 - (b) Discuss Descartes' rational method in detail. 10
 - (c) Write a note on the different tools of research. 10
 - (d) Explain the concepts of pre-understanding and semantic autonomy of the text. 10
4. Answer **any four** of the following in about 150 words each:
- (a) Explain phenomenological reduction? 5
 - (b) What is the importance of Scientific method? 5
 - (c) What do you know about language game theory? 5
 - (d) Explain the significance of bibliography. 5
 - (e) What are the benefits of having a research methodology? 5
 - (f) Make a brief critique of dialectical method. 5
5. Write short notes on **any five** of the following in about 100 words each:
- (a) Intentionality 4
 - (b) Tabula Rasa 4
 - (c) Theory of unity of opposites 4
 - (d) Hermeneutical circle 4
 - (e) Sphota 4
 - (f) Bracketing (epoche) 4
 - (g) Negation 4
 - (h) Instrumental Reason 4