

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

### (MAPY First Year)

**Note: Please see MGP-005 Assignment under MAGPS/MGPS Assignments (MGP-005 Introduction to Peace and Conflict Resolution)**

#### MPY-001 Indian 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. How does Nyaya Philosophy define *Vyapti*? What arguments Charvak presents to reject the inference as the means of knowledge? Is there any possibility to establish inference after the rejection presented by Charvaka? Discuss. 20

**Or**

What is *Pratityasamutpada*? How is it related to four Noble truths? Compare interpretations of *Pratityasamutpada* given by any two schools of Buddhism. 20

2. What is Indian Philosophy? Discuss some of the popular and general characteristics of Indian Philosophy. Do you agree with this characterization of Indian Philosophy? Support your answer with some arguments. 20

**Or**

Compare these, 20

- a) Theory of causation of Samkhya and Nyaya
- b) Concept of Liberation of Advaita Vedanta and Samkhya.

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

- a) Write an essay on the Atomic theory of Vaisheshika. 10
- b) Write an essay on ethical implications of *Syadvada*. 10
- c) Discuss *Saptabhanginaya* (Jain's Logic). 10

d) What is *khyativada* (Theory of Error)? Compare Kumarila's and Prabhakara's *Khyativada*. 10

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

- a) Explain Tagore's view on Human being as 'Individual', 'Universal' and 'Creator'. 5
- b) What is *Sunyata*? How is it related to *Pratityasamutpada*? 5
- c) Explain Mohammad Iqbal's concept of Self. 5
- d) Compare Ramanuja's and Madhvacharya's view of Liberation (*Moksha*). 5
- e) Compare Shaiva's and Vaishnava's concept of soul. 5
- f) What is *Adhyasa* (Superimposition)? Why does Shankaracharya call *avidya anirvachaniya*? 5

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

- a) *Rta* 4
- b) Cosmic Salvation view of Radhakrisnan 4
- c) R Pannikar's Idea of Dialogical Dialogue 4
- d) Vivekananda's Idea of Universal Religion 4
- e) *Arthapatti* 4
- f) *Chitta-Bhumi* 4
- g) *Rasa-Abhivyakti-vada* 4
- h) *Samavaya* 4

## MPYE-001 Logic

### 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.
- iv) If any question has more than one part, attempt all parts.

1. a) What is Boolean algebra? Write a note on AND and OR Boolean Operators.  
b) Write an essay on Logical gates, showing their graphical symbols and representation in Truth table. 10+10= 20

**Or**

What is Multi valued logic? What is the role of symbolic logic in multi valued logic? Discuss. 20

2. Explain Square of oppositions with some examples. What change existential imports make in traditional square of opposition. 20

**Or**

What is conditional proof method? Write an essay on the significance and the advantage of conditional proof method. 20

3. Answer any **two** questions in about 250 words each. (Word limit is only for theory related questions) 2\*10= 20
  - a) I) What is Quantification Theory? 5+5= 10  
II) Apply quantification rules to prove the validity/invalidity of the following syllogistic arguments.
    - i) All dogs are animal. All animal are living being. Therefore, No dogs are living being.
    - ii) Some philosophers are Women. All philosophers are studious persons. Therefore some studious persons are women.
  - b) Compare classical logic with symbolic logic. Give symbolic representation of propositions. 10

- c) What is the difference between material implication and logical implication? Give some examples. 10
- d) Write short notes on, i) fallacy of false cause, ii) converse fallacy of accident. 10

4. Answer any **four** questions in about 150 words each. (Word limit is only for theory related questions) 4\*5= 20

- a) What is formal proof method? Explain. 5
- b) Explain the significance of random variable. 5
- c) Differentiate between connotation and denotation with suitable examples. 5
- d) "All sentences are not propositions." Discuss. 5
- e) Symbolize the following using quantifiers. 1+1+1+1+1=5
- i) Some birds are white.
- ii) All men are tall.
- iii) No donkeys are banana-lover.
- iv) All Indians are not businesspersons.
- v) Some good books are not expensive.

f) What are the factors which determine the mood of a syllogism? 5

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

- a) Fuzzy Logic 4
- b) Existential Instantiation 4
- c) Categorical Syllogism 4
- d) Deductive reasoning 4
- e) Modus Tollens 4
- f) Dilemma 4
- g) Enthymeme 4
- h) Tautology 4

## MPYE-002 Ethics

### Note:

- v) Give answer of all five questions.
- vi) All five questions carry equal marks.
- vii) The answer of questions no. 1 and 2 should be in about 500 words each.

1. Explain the differences between subjectivist and relativist understanding of value? What are the common objections of objectivist standpoint on value against Subjectivism and relativism? 20

**Or**

What do you think about the relation between legal good and moral good? Discuss the idea of diversity of morals as presented by Morris Ginsberg. 20

2. What is sustainable development? What is the role and limit of sustainable development to save our environment? Which idea you will wish to present to save our environment? Why? 20

**Or**

Discuss and evaluate the idea of existentialist humanism. 20

3. Give answer of any **two** questions in about 250 words each. 2\*10= 20
- a) "Honesty is a virtue." How would emotivist, relativist, and deontologist analyze this moral statement? 10
  - b) Discuss logical positivist's general position on moral statements. 10
  - c) What do you think about right to privacy as a right that belongs to elite? Support your answer with proper arguments. 10
  - d) Do you think that every information telecasting/printing in news channel/newspaper is news? Write an essay on the ethics of reporting. 10

4. Give answer of any **four** questions in about 150 words each. 4\*5= 20
- a) Describe general features of Discourse Ethics as presented by Habermass. 5
  - b) "Public is the real censor board." What is your opinion on this view? Give your arguments. 5
  - c) Discuss the cosmopolitan view on international ethics. 5

- d) Evaluate moral pluralism in the light of Bio Ethical issues. 5
- e) “Non-violence is a virtue”. Explain this statement in the light of Deontological Ethics of Kant. 5
- f) Write a comparative essay on doctrine of karma in Hinduism and Buddhism. 5
5. Write short notes on any **five** in about 100 words each. 5\*4= 20
- a) *Svadharma* 4
- b) *Eudemonia* 4
- c) Ethics of Care 4
- d) Human Right 4
- e) Derived Norms 4
- f) Good Will 4
- g) Indeterminism 4
- h) Distributive Justice 4

## MPYE-003: Epistemology

### 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 do you understand by Holism and Hermeneutic Circle? Write a short note on the limits of Holism. 20

**Or**

What is Paradigm? Do you think that language game theory is a paradigm shift? Give arguments to support your answer. 20

2. Write an essay on Verbal Testimony (*Sabda Pramanya*) in Indian Philosophy. 20

**Or**

Write an essay on knowledge as justified true belief. Do you think that this definition of knowledge is justified? Give arguments to support your answer. 20

3. Give answer of any **two** questions in about 250 words each. 2\*10= 20
  - a) What are the conditions to be a *hetu* in Nyaya Philosophy? Critically Evaluate. 10
  - b) Give a critical exposition of ontological certitude. 10
  - c) Make a distinction between Internalism and Externalism. 10
  - d) What are the conditions for a belief to be basic? Do you think that these conditions are sufficient to show a belief as a basic belief? 10
4. Give answer of any **four** questions in about 150 words each. 4\*5= 20
  - a) What is Foundationalism? Discuss. 5
  - b) Do you think that comparison (*Upaman*) is a means of true knowledge? Give arguments to support your answer. 5

- c) Discuss Correspondence theory of truth. 5
- d) Critically evaluate pragmatic theory of truth. 5
- e) What do you understand with the death of epistemology? 5
- f) Briefly discuss three components of hermeneutical enterprise. 5

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

- a) Scope of Epistemology 4
- b) Concept 4
- c) Evidence 4
- d) Observation Sentence 4
- e) Theory-Ladenness of observation 4
- f) *Dasein* 4
- g) Deconstruction 4
- h) Picture Theory 4



## MPYE-004 Philosophy of Human Person

### 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. Figure out differences between philosophy of human person in Indian and Western perspectives. 20

**Or**

What do you understand by living an authentic life? Explain and evaluate in the light of Heidegger's philosophy. 20

2. What do you understand by Love as the self-actualizing phenomena? Does love has the potential to resolve conflicts between humans? Give arguments to support your answer. 20

**Or**

What are the difficulties to define freedom? Are these difficulties harmful for human enlightenment and upliftment? Support your answer with arguments. 20

3. Give answer of any **two** questions in about 250 words each. 2\*10= 20
- a) What do you understand by the concept of rebirth? Give some philosophical arguments to support rebirth. 10
  - b) What is phenomenology of death? Explain. 10
  - c) How existentialism see human being? Is Existentialism successful in defining human being? 10
  - d) Write an essay on significance of freedom of choice in the emancipation of individual. 10

4. Give answer of any **four** questions in about 150 words each. 4\*5= 20
- a) Explain "Freedom to be more." 5
  - b) Explain Volitional Dynamism. 5
  - c) How do you respond to Freud's challenge of psychological determinism? 5

- d) "Animal identity is preserved in identity of life, and not of substance." Examine this statement critically. 5
- e) Give philosophical insights on funeral customs. 5
- f) What is the philosophical significance of Chaos theory? Explain. 5
5. Write short notes on any **five** in about 100 words each. 5\*4= 20
- a) *Dominium sui actus* 4
- b) Dark Energy 4
- c) Categorical Imperative 4
- d) Idea of Participation in Marcel's philosophy. 4
- e) 'I-It' relation in Martin Buber's Philosophy 4
- f) Animal Symbolicum 4
- g) Facticity 4
- h) Absurdity 4

## MPYE-005 World Religions

### 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 *syadvad* and *anekantvad*. Discuss the role of these theories in Ethics advocated by Jainism. 20

**Or**

What do understand by Ultimate Principal as Unity? Discuss and evaluate in the light of Sikh Metaphysics. 20

2. Discuss and critically evaluate the idea of God in Islamic Metaphysics. 20

**Or**

What is the concept of *purusartha* in Hinduism? Write a short note on the metaphysical basis of *purusartha*. 20

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

- a) How Buddhist Philosophy try to establish karma-theory without accepting soul? 10
- b) Discuss the basic principles of faith in Judaism. 10
- c) Discuss the concept of Ren and Empathy in Confucianism. How do these concepts contribute in the moral philosophy of Confucianism? 10
- d) Discuss the doctrine of the Trinity in the light of Christian Metaphysics. 10

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

- a) Critically evaluate the problem of evil in Christianity. 5
- b) What is the concept of Tao? Discuss the philosophy of Symbol in Taoism. 5
- c) Critically evaluate Idea of Cosmology in Zoroastrian Metaphysics. 5
- d) Critically evaluate the idea of transmigration of Soul in Hindu Metaphysics. 5

e) What is the concept of momentariness (*kshanbhangvad*)? Do you think that the argument of *arthakriyakaritva* can establish *kshanbhangvad*? 5

f) Discuss the idea of *Kami* in Shinto Theology. 5

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

a) Idea of Eschatology in Christianity 4

b) Four Nobel Truths (Char *arya/ariya satya/sat*) 4

c) The idea of Xiao 4

d) Concept of Zakat 4

e) Concept of Triratna 4

f) Concept of *Sruti* 4

g) Mussar Movement 4

h) Concept of *Ikomkar* 4

## MPYE-006 Dalit 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. What do you understand by the idea of philosophizing from Dalit Perspectives? Give a critical exposition of it. 20

**Or**

What is the role of symbols in a movement? Discuss pragmatic and constructive religious symbol as a counter narrative in Dalit Movement. Do you think that they can make a successful counter-narrative? 20

2. Discuss and evaluate the basis for Dalit Eschatology. 20

**Or**

Discuss the idea of Dalit folklore and cultural expression. 20

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

- a) Write an essay on the problem of evil from dalit perspective. 10
- b) Write an essay on Gandhi-Ambedkar debate on caste system in India. 10
- c) What are the challenges of Enlightenment? Discuss. 10
- d) Discuss the role of Ramaswami Periyar and Narayana Guru in shaping the world-view. 10

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

- a) Differentiate between Ritual Inversion and Ritual Affirmation. 5
- b) How is luminal situation related to normlessness? 5
- c) Describe Drumming as a tool for liberation in Dalit world-view. 5
- d) How Dalit world-view understand Body? Explain. 5
- e) "Caste is a division of laborer, not the division of labor." Explain. 5
- f) What are the Dalit expressions of self-assertion? Explain. 5

5. Write short notes on any **five** in about 100 words each. 5\*4= 20
- a) The dalit freedom network 4
  - b) *Paraiyattam* 4
  - c) *Chakalatwam* 4
  - d) *Sramana* Tradition 4
  - e) Untouchability 4
  - f) Exclusion 4
  - g) Socio-religious revolution of Tamil Siddhas 4
  - h) *Saktism* 4

## MPYE-007 Research Methodology in 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. Write an essay on the relation between Science and Philosophy. 20
- Or**
- Write an essay on Indian Theories of meaning. 20
2. What is Phenomenology? How can we apply phenomenological method to understand the concept of knowledge? 20
- Or**
- Write an essay on Analysis as a method. “Non-violence is a virtue.” Try to explain this Ethical statement using analytical method. 20
3. Give the answer of any **two** questions in about 250 words each. 2\*10= 20
- a) Explain Quine’s Analytic Method. 10
  - b) What is the difference between Idea of Deconstruction of Heidegger and Derrida? 10
  - c) What is the idea of logic of supplement? Explain. 10
  - d) What is the concept of Shakti in Indian Philosophy? Explain. 10
4. Give answer of any **four** questions in about 150 words each. 4\*5= 20
- a) Write a short essay on Tools of research. 5
  - b) Explain the Dialectic method of Buddha. 5
  - c) Figure out differences between Hegel and Marx’s Dialectic method. 5
  - d) What do you understand by Myth as a spiritual metaphor? 5
  - e) Evaluate the scope of Scientific method in Philosophy. 5
  - f) Evaluate Cartesian Method of doubt. 5

5. Write short notes on any **five** in about 100 words each. 5\*4= 20
- a) *Lakshana* 4
  - b) The Principle of Sufficient Reasoning 4
  - c) The Geometrical Method of Spinoza 4
  - d) Characteristics of Empiricism 4
  - e) Basic features of critical theory 4
  - f) Scientism 4
  - g) Communicative action 4
  - h) Assumption 4