

## Assignments for TEE December 2021 and for June 2022

### (MAPY Second Year)

#### MPY-002 Western 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 is Cartesian dualism? Discuss Anti-Cartesian foundation of Pragmatism. 20

**Or**

Write a note on, 10+10= 20

- a) Private Language,
- b) Bracketing

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

- a) Al Ghazali's critique of Philosophy,
- b) Hume's criticism of cause-effect relation

**Or**

Compare Socrates', Marx's and Hegel's dialectic method. 20

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

- a) Do you agree that there is some common underline theme present in Early and later Wittgenstein? Give arguments to support your answer. 10
- b) What is the theory of Innate Ideas? What are the objections raised by Locke against this theory? 10
- c) Write an essay on the Don Scotus's conception of God. 10
- d) Discuss the philosophical implications of Plato's 'allegory of cave'. 10

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

- a) What are the arguments provided by St. Augustine to prove the existence of God? 5
- b) Why Frege introduced sense-reference distinction. Discuss. 5
- c) Examine the thesis that 'Man is the measure of all things'. 5

- d) Examine the thesis that 'Everything is found in everything'. 5
- e) Distinguish Structuralism with Post-structuralism. 5
- f) Compare Socratic's and Scholastic's method. 5

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

- a) *Noumena* 4
- b) Synthetic a priori judgement 4
- c) The idea of 'Actuality' in Aristotle's philosophy 4
- d) Black Feminism 4
- e) *Cogito Ergo Sum* 4
- f) Correspondence theory of truth 4
- g) Nominalism 4
- h) Idealist Empiricism 4

## MPYE-008 Metaphysics

### Note:

- i) Answer 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)

1. Write an essay on the concept of '*Tad Ekam*'. 20

Or

Critically evaluate, 10+10= 20

- a) 'Judgment is the starting point of Metaphysics'.
- b) 'Experience of something is the starting point of Metaphysics'.

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

- a) Idea of Possibility,
- b) Idea of Potency

Or

Write a note on, 10+10= 20

- a) Problem of Evil
- b) Problem of Falsity

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

- a) Write a note on the scope of Metaphysics. 10
- b) What is *arthakriya-samvada*? Write a note on the Yogachara's perspective on *arthakriya-samvada*. 10
- c) What is efficient cause? What is your opinion on the thesis that 'God is the efficient cause of this world? Provide reasons to support your answer. 10
- d) What is free will? Critically evaluate the notion of free will. 10

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

- a) Discuss the role of *Samanya* in Vaisheshika's Metaphysics. 5
- b) Examine the thesis that 'Being is neither univocal nor equivocal but analogous'. 5
- c) What is the meaning of 'Being as the principle of limitation'? Explain briefly. 5
- d) In what sense will you define beauty? Give some arguments for subjective and objective understanding of the concept of beauty. 5
- e) What is sufficient and necessary reason? Distinguish them with some examples. 5
- f) Evaluate the 'idea of chance' in the light of problem of being and becoming. 5
5. Write short notes on any **five** in about 100 words each. 5\*4= 20
- a) *Symbebekos* 4
- b) Exemplary Ontological Truth 4
- c) Metaphysics 4
- d) *Parinamavada* 4
- e) The Principle of Excluded Middle 4
- f) Primary and Secondary Analogue 4
- g) Being as Spontaneous Notion 4
- h) *Samavaya* 4

## MPYE-009 Philosophy of Science and Cosmology

### Note:

- i) Answer 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. Discuss some arguments to prove that there will be an end of universe. 20

Or

What is uncertainty principle? Discuss the philosophical implications of uncertainty principle. 20

2. Compare realistic, relativistic and idealistic account of space and time. 20

Or

Write a note on, 5+5+10= 20

- a) Conceptual Problems in Science,
- b) Deductive Explanation
- c) Philosophical implications of Quantum Mechanics

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

- a) What do you understand by observation? Discuss the limits of observation in Science. 10
- b) What is Historicism? Compare Historicism and Logical Positivism in the domain of science. 10
- c) What is your opinion on the view that 'philosophy is a second order discipline'? Substantiate your opinion. 10
- d) What is cause-effect relationship? What are the main problems against Hume's notion of 'constant conjunction'? 10

4. Answer any **four** questions in about 150 words each. 4\*5= 20
- a) Write a note on the Bayesian theory of Probability. 5
  - b) Highlight the main features of feminist account of science. 5
  - c) Write a note on the Pauranic understanding of cosmology. 5
  - d) Write a note on the contribution of Kepler to cosmology. 5
  - e) What are the postulates of special theory of relativity? 5
  - f) What are the objections of Einstein against quantum mechanics? 5
5. Write short notes on any **five** in about 100 words each. 5\*4= 20
- a) Elimination of Metaphysics 4
  - b) Space-Time Curve 4
  - c) Paradigm Shift 4
  - d) Dark Matter 4
  - e) False Vacuum 4
  - f) Hubble's Law 4
  - g) The inflationary Theory 4
  - h) Partially Heliocentric Universe 4

## MPYE-010 Philosophy of Religion

### 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 and evaluate Ramanuja's objections against Shankar's Advaita Vedanta. 20

Or

Write a note on,

10+10= 20

- a) The philosophy of Raman Maharshi.
- b) Five *Sadhanas* (methods) for attaining salvation/liberation (*Moksha*)

2. What are the three modes of understanding the religious language? Explain. 20

Or

What are the Ontological and causal arguments to prove the existence of God? What are the failures of Ontological and Causal arguments in proving the existence of God according to Kantian Perspective? 20

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

- a) Compare the English school and the French school of materialism. 10
- b) What are the socio-cultural roots of modern atheism? Explain. 10
- c) Compare St. Augustine's and John Hick's theodicy. 10
- d) "Theoretical atheism in the ancient world had a therapeutic value." Explain. 10

4. Answer any **four** questions in about 150 words each. 4\*5= 20
- a) Write a note on the philosophical implications of the idea of rituals. 5
  - b) Write a note on the contribution of Marxism in the development of materialism. 5
  - c) What is neurotheology? Explain. 5
  - d) What is charismatic experience? How does Martin Buber characterize charisma? 5
  - e) Write a note on the significance of language-game theory for understanding of religious language. 5
  - f) What is free-will? Write a note on the free-will argument. 5
5. Write a short note on any **five** in about 100 words. 5\*4= 20
- a) *Suleh-Kul* 4
  - b) Verification Principle 4
  - c) Understanding of 'History' in Marx's Philosophy 4
  - d) Numinous 4
  - e) Process Theodicy 4
  - f) The eternal return 4
  - g) The Buddha Experience 4
  - h) Cosmological Argument of Anselm 4

**MPYE-011 Philosophy of Art (Aesthetics)**

**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. Critical Exposition of,

- a) *Utpattivada*,
- b) *Bhuktivada*

10+10= 20

**Or**

Describe the main features of,

- a) Intuitionist Theory of Art,
- b) Content Theory of Art

10+10= 20

2. Write an essay on the contribution of Susan Langer in Aesthetics. 20

**Or**

Explain and evaluate Samkhya's Idea of Art Experience. 20

3. Answer any **two** questions in about 250 words.

2\*10= 20

- a) Write a note on the concept of *dhvani*. 10
- b) Explain three elements of Descartes' Philosophy of Art. 10
- c) Compare Formalistic theory and Representation theory of Art. 10
- d) Write a note on the Plato's theory of Imitation. 10

4. Answer any **four** questions in about 150 words.

4\*5= 20

- a) Analyze Plotinus' idea of Intellectual Beauty. 5
- b) Analyze Susanne K. Langer's view on Art. 5
- c) Evaluate the concept of *sahrdya*. 5

- d) Write a note on Kant's idea of Sublimity. 5
- e) Write a note on *rasanumitivada*. 5
- f) Write a note on the doctrine of *Sadharanikarana*. 5
5. Write short notes on any **five** in about 100 words each. 5\*4= 20
- a) *Adbhuta Rasa* 4
- b) Idea of Sympathy in Edmund Burke's Philosophy 4
- c) Mimetic Theory of Art 4
- d) Ancillary Feeling 4
- e) *Sthayi Bhava* 4
- f) *Sringara Rasa* 4
- g) *Vyabhichari Bhava* 4
- h) *Denis* 4

## MPYE-012 Tribal 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. Define Tribe. Describe some features of Tribal World views. 20

Or

Write an essay on the moral issues involved in the idea of development and displacement? 20

2. What are the constituents of tribal identity? Discuss. 20

Or

- a) Do you agree that “Art is the idealization of the purely experiential pattern”?
- b) Highlight some characteristics of Tribal Art.

10+10= 20

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

- a) “Do I like my neighbor?” Discuss the social implications of this statement of a tribal man in Kalahari of South Africa in response of a question asked by a reporter (According to the story that comes in *Sacred Tribal Values*). 10
- b) What are the consequences of migration? Discuss. 10
- c) Write a note on the idea of birth and initiation in Santal Tribe. 10
- d) What are the effects produced by *Singbonga* on *Roa*? 10

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

- a) What are the social implications of belief in ancestor’s spirit? 5
- b) What are the main features of Bhagat Movement? 5

- c) Write a note on the Santal account of heavenly bodies. 5
- d) How does Korostelina define identity? 5
- e) How does tribal resolve their community problems? 5
- f) What is the meaning of rediscovering the sacred space? Discuss. 5

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

- a) The Kharwar Movement 4
- b) *Sarhul* 4
- c) Storytelling 4
- d) *Ji* 4
- e) *Parom Disum* 4
- f) Totemism 4
- g) *Har Juwat* 4
- h) Symbolism 4

## MPYE-013 Philosophy of Technology

### 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. Discuss, 10+10= 20
- a) Heidegger's idea of death,
  - b) Problem of identity with respect to technological development.

**Or**

Discuss Philosophical foundation of Euclidean geometry. Why was Euclidean geometry unable to represent the roughness of reality? Explain. 20

2. a) "Technology gives birth to inequality." Critically analyze this claim. 10+10= 20
- b) Write a note on the democratization of Technology.

**Or**

- a) Critically evaluate the claim that "Death is an evil."
- b) What are the three problems about death discussed by Thomas Nagel? 10+10= 20

3. Answer any **two** questions in about 250 words each. 2\*10= 20
- a) Write a note on the ethical implications of Stem Cell Research. 10
  - b) Write an essay on the Ethical implications of Human Genome Project. 10
  - c) Discuss the philosophical implications of Chaos Theory. 10
  - d) Discuss the social implications of Nanotechnology. 10

4. Answer any **four** questions in about 150 words each. 4\*5= 20
- a) What is the stand of neurotheology on the mystical experience? 5
  - b) What is ‘Turing Machine Approach’? Explain 5
  - c) What is computation model of mind? Discuss. 5
  - d) Compare ‘The cognitive modeling approach’ and ‘The laws of thought approach’ of Artificial Intelligence. 5
  - e) “Machine can replace Human being.” Do you agree with this statement or not? Give reasons for your answer. 5
  - f) Write a note on the idea of ‘Absolute Unitary Being’. 5
5. Write short notes on any **five** in about 100 words each. 5\*4= 20
- a) Symbolization of Evil 4
  - b) Genetic Manipulation 4
  - c) *Dasein* 4
  - d) Cultural Dualism 4
  - e) John Leslie’s the End of the World 4
  - f) The Julia Set 4
  - g) Hyperreal 4
  - h) Koch Curve 4

## MPYE-014 Philosophy of Mind

### 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. Discuss,

10+10= 20

- a) "Volition as adaptive decision making
- b) "Language is a contingent system of symbols which accidentally develops in the human community."

**Or**

Explain Descartes' mind-body dualism (Cartesian Mind Body dualism). Do you think Descartes successfully resolved mind-body problem? Give reasons to support your answer.

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2. a) Do you agree that animal has consciousness? Give reasons to support your answer.
- b) What are the Ethical implications of denying mind to the animals? 10=10= 20

**Or**

Explain,

10+10= 20

- a) Machine Functionalism,
- b) Strong and Weak AI 20

3. Answer any **two** questions in about 250 words each. 2\*10= 20
- a) Write an essay on the Wittgenstein's account of understanding. 10
  - b) Compare *Sphotavada* and *Vakyarthavada*. 10
  - c) How does the concept of ling (union of *purusa* and *prakriti*) address Mind-Body Problem? 10
  - d) Do you agree that there is an innate structure of language? Give reasons to support your answer. 10
4. Answer any **four** questions in about 150 words each. 4\*5= 20
- a) Write a note on the John Locke's idea of complex ideas. 5
  - b) "Mind and Language are inter-connected." Provide some reasons to support this claim.5
  - c) "Will to Love". Explain? 5
  - d) What are the metaphysical assumptions behind the idea of volition? 5
  - e) "Understanding is a process". Analyze. 5
  - f) How does Kant define perception? Discuss. 5
5. Write short notes on any **five** in about 100 words each. 5\*4= 20
- a) Emotional Mind 4
  - b) *Apohavada* 4
  - c) Substance Dualism 4
  - d) Imagery of two horses 4
  - e) Epiphenomenalism 4
  - f) Intentionality 4
  - g) Brain 4
  - h) Physicalism 4

## MPYE-015 Gandhian 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 is the relation between *Ahimsa* and *Satyagraha* in Gandhian philosophy? How does he establish this relation? 20

Or

How does Gandhi criticize modernity and western civilization? Discuss and evaluate. 20

2. Discuss Gandhian understanding of *swadeshi*. Compare Gandhian idea of *swadeshi* with some other idea(s) of *swadeshi*. 20

Or

Discuss and evaluate Gandhian thought on *Varna* system. Do you agree that *jati* (caste) and *varna* are separate? Give reasons to support your answer. 20

3. Answer any **two** questions in about 250 words. 2\*10= 20
- a) Write an essay on the social implications of *Sarvodaya*. 10
  - b) “*Satyagraha* is a passive resistance.” What do you understand by this statement? Discuss the role of *swadeshi* in *Satyagraha*. 10
  - c) Do you agree that Gandhian approach towards the concept of *Purushartha* is different from its traditional approach? Give reasons to support your answers. 10
  - d) Discuss and evaluate the idea of *Upavasa* (fasting) in Gandhian Philosophy. 10

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

- a) ‘*Swaraj* is self-rule’. Discuss. 5

- b) Can religion be coterminous with morality? Discuss in the light of Gandhian philosophy. 5
- c) Why does Gandhi think that reason is ambiguous and how can it be trained? 5
- d) Write a note on the main features of *Sarvodaya*. 5
- e) Reflect on the complexity of Gandhi's notion of truth. 5
- f) Write a note on the role of ends and means in Gandhian Philosophy. 5
5. Write short notes on any **five** in about 100 words. 5\*4= 20
- a) *Ramrajya* 4
- b) Idea of *Charkha* (Idea of spinning wheel) 4
- c) Gandhi-Ambedkar debate on Caste system 4
- d) Notion of Trusteeship 4
- e) Moral argument for the existence of God 4
- f) Role of reason in Gandhi's philosophy 4
- g) Idea of *Ashrama* in Gandhi's philosophy 4
- h) *Aparigraha* (Non-possession) 4

## MPYE-016 Philosophy of Sri Aurobindo

### 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)

1. What kind of relation exists between Spirit and matter in Aurobindo's philosophy?  
Discuss and evaluate. 20

**Or**

How does Aurobindo refute Shankar's philosophy of *Advaita* and Madhva's philosophy of *Dvaita*? Discuss. 20

2. Discuss and evaluate the idea of dipolar nature of the reality. 20

**Or**

How does Aurobindo describe the evolution of consciousness? How does he reconcile between eastern and western approach on the concept of evolution? 20

3. Answer any **two** questions in about 250 words each. 2\*10= 20
  - a) Write an essay on the relationship between individual and society in Aurobindo's philosophy? 10
  - b) How does Aurobindo synthesize matter and spirit? Discuss. 10
  - c) How does Aurobindo describe *maya* as the power of becoming? 10
  - d) What is teleology? Do you agree that teleology is central to Aurobindo's concept of evolution? Give reasons to support your answer. 10
4. Answer any **four** questions in about 150 words each. 4\*5= 20
  - a) Write a note on the Aurobindo's vision of education. 5
  - b) Evaluate the idea of ignorance in Aurobindo's epistemology. 5
  - c) Write a note on the idea of involution. 5

- d) What is the philosophical approach behind 'three madness'? 5
- e) Discuss the characteristics of Prakriti in Auribindo's philosophy. 5
- f) Write a note on the philosophical implications of the poem titled 'Who'. 5
5. Write short notes on any **five** in about 100 words. 5\*4= 20
- a) Environmental Consciousness 4
- b) Consciousness-Force 4
- c) Integral Advaita 4
- d) The significance of physical education 4
- e) Wideness of Consciousness 4
- f) Inconscient 4
- g) Role of Silence in Integral Yoga 4
- h) Supramentalisation 4