

MA PHILOSOPHY (MAPY)

Assignments

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MPY-001 : INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

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Assignment **MPY – 001: Indian Philosophy**

- 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 ethical and metaphysical views of the Charvakas. 20

OR

Explain the Mimamsa theory of knowledge in detail.

2. Elaborate the Sankhya metaphysics with special emphasis on the theories of causation and evolution. 20

OR

How do the metaphysical ideas of three schools of Vedanta – advaita, visistadvaita, and dvaita – differ from each other? Explain.

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

- a) Write an essay on the Nyaya concept of God. 10
- b) Discuss the Sankhya theory of evolution in detail. 10
- c) Write a note on the theory of dependent origination (pratitya samutpada). 10
- d) Explain the vaisesika concept of padartha or category. 10

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

- a) Explain briefly the theory of transmigration. 5
- b) Describe the vedic concept of sat and asat. 5
- c) What is the Jaina concept of Liberation? 5
- d) Discuss the method of Anumana. 5
- e) Write a short note on the Mimamsa concept of sabda. 5
- f) Illustrate the syllogism of Nyaya logic with example. 5

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

- a) Satkaryavada. 4
- b) Tirthankaras 4
- c) Purusa 4
- d) Moksha 4
- e) Purushartha 4
- f) Avidya 4
- g) Nishkama Karma 4
- h) Sarvam Dukham 4

Assignment – MPYE 001: LOGIC

- 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. With the help of appropriate examples explain Negation, Disjunction and Implication form of compound proposition in detail. 20

OR

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

2. Explain the rules of categorical syllogism. How these general rules can be applied in all four figures? Describe. 20

OR

Explain in detail the concepts of ‘Definition’ and ‘Division’. 20

3. Answer **any two** of the following questions in about 200 words each:

- a) Explain the Square of opposition. 10
- b) What do you mean by Denotation and Connotation of Terms? 10
- c) Describe ‘Modus Ponens’ and ‘Modus Tollens’ with an example. 10
- d) Discuss different methods of avoiding dilemma. 10

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

- a) Describe Bi-conditional/Equivalent with an example. 5
- b) What do you understand by Figure and Mood? 5
- c) Explain Conditional Proof. 5
- d) What do you mean by Denotation of Terms? 5
- e) Define Truth-table with an example. 5
- f) Distinguish between propositions and sentences. 5

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

- a) Argumentum Ad populum. 4
- b) Multi-value logic 4
- c) Conditional proof 4
- d) Conjunction 4
- e) Hasty generalization 4
- f) Disjunctive Syllogism 4
- g) Middle Term 4
- h) De Morgan’s Law 4

Assignment MPYE 002: Ethics

- 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 debate between Consequentialism and Non-consequentialism. 20

Or

What do you understand by cultural and ethical subjectivism? Discuss the challenges within ethics.

2. Analyze the ethical responsibilities of the social institutions. 20

Or

How is the human freedom related to his existential situation? Discuss in detail Levinas' philosophy of responsibility for the other.

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

- a) Narrate the contributions made by Bioethics to medicine. 10
- b) Explain moral intuitionism. 10
- c) Distinguish between moral relativity and ethical relativism. 10
- d) What are the prima facie duties proposed by D. Ross? 10

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

- a) Differentiate between Values and Norms. 5
- b) Discuss the moral teachings of Bhagavat Gita on Karma. 5
- c) Explain the main tenets of environmental ethics. 5
- d) Write a short note on media and social responsibility. 5
- e) Elucidate the main difference between human order and the moral order? 5
- f) What do you understand by 'The Absolute Should'? 5

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

- a) Intuitionism 4
- b) Consequentialism 4
- c) Eudaimonia 4
- d) Cultural relativism 4
- e) Deontology 4
- f) Teleology 4
- g) Normative ethics 4
- h) Personhood 4

Assignment – **MPYE 003: EPISTEMOLOGY**

- 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. Briefly discuss Quine-Duhem thesis and its implications for epistemic justification. 20

OR

What do you understand by certitude? Explain various types of certitudes possible.

2. Explain the criteria of truth accepted in Indian philosophy and discuss various khyativadas. 20

Or

Write an essay on anumana in the Indian tradition.

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

- a) Write a note on the correspondence theory of truth. 10
- b) Explain in detail the nature and the scope of epistemology. 10
- c) Explain hermeneutics. What are three components of hermeneutical enterprise? 10
- d) Discuss the linguistic turn in philosophy and the reconstruction of metaphysics. 10

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

- a) What is epistemological realism? 5
- b) Explain the 'Picture Theory of Language'. 5
- c) What is contextualism? 5
- d) Briefly explain the implications of truth and knowledge. 5
- e) Briefly explain the debate of internalism versus externalism. 5
- f) What are the types of sabda? 5

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

- a) *Asatkhyati*
- b) *Sphota* theory
- c) *Nirvikalpaka* perception
- d) *Upamana*
- e) The *Dhvani* theory
- f) *Syadvada*
- g) *Antahkarana*
- h) *Linga paramarsa*

Assignment – **MPYE 004: Philosophy of Human Person**

- 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 Heideggerian notion of living as authentic existence. 20

Or

Elaborate on being as dependent, interdependent and independent existence.

2. How is the individual self conceived in Indian philosophy. Explain the debate concerning its nature. 20

Or

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

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

- a) Explain the doctrine of dependent origination (pratitya-samutpada). 10
- b) Write a short essay on the 'I – Thou Relationship' according to Marcel. 10
- c) Give a response to Freud's challenge of psychological determinism. 10
- d) Critically examine the Heideggerian concept of "being-in-the-world". 10

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

- a) What is the "last and greatest freedom", according to Viktor Frankl? 5
- b) 'Every understanding is self understanding'. Explain. 5
- c) Explain persons as "ends in themselves". 5
- d) Is death the law of matter? 5
- e) What is Plato's concept of soul? 5
- f) How does Marx view human being? 5

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

- a) Personhood 4
- b) Bundle theory of self 4
- c) Volitional dynamism 4
- d) Appetite 4
- e) Philosophical anthropology 4
- f) Phenomenology 4
- g) Facticity 4
- h) Empathy 4

Assignment – **MPYE 005: World Religions**

- 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 according to Christianity.

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Or

How far is the Indian ashram system helpful in attaining the *purusharthas* or the goals of one's life? 20

2. Write an essay on the articles of faith in Islam.

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Or

Write a detailed essay on the four noble truths of Buddhism.

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

- a) Discuss the Jewish concept of God. 10
- b) Write an essay on the inanimate substances of Jainism. 10
- c) Explain various virtues that are practised in Confucianism. 10
- d) Explain the Zoroastrian concept of God. 10

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

- a) Differentiate between 'Nirguna and Saguna Brahman'. 5
- b) Describe human person from Quaranic perspective. 5
- c) Briefly explain the doctrine of no soul (Anatta). 5
- d) Explain the Concept of kami in Shintoism. 5
- e) Describe kshanika-vada 5
- f) What is the concept of reward and punishment in Judaism? 5

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

- a) Karma 4
- b) Talmund 4
- c) Ahimsa 4
- d) Purusa Sukta 4
- e) Rta 4
- f) Concept of Yin and Yang 4
- g) Adi Granth 4
- h) Right faith (samyag-darshana) 4

Assignment – **MPYE 006: Dalit Philosophy**

- 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. Write an essay on the Dalit philosophy of life. What is the role of philosophers in this discourse? 20

OR

Explain the basis of Dalit eschatology. Discuss its various materialist features.

2. Describe various pragmatic and constructive religious symbols. How is the Dalit religious world expressed in their daily life? 20

OR

What do you understand by the term Dalit? Explain dehumanization through exclusion and denial through exploitation.

3. Answer **any two** of the following questions in about 200 words each:

- a) Discuss the philosophical analysis of religion by Ambedkar. 10
- b) Caste cuts across barriers of Religions. Explain. 10
- c) Explain the contribution of Jyotirao Phule to the Dalit cause. 10
- d) Spell out the phases of the process of philosophizing from a Dalit perspective. 10

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

- a) What is the philosophy of liberation? 5
- b) How do the Dalits view the problem of evil? 5
- c) Is the Dalit eschatology mostly materialistic? 5
- d) How has Buddhism affected the Dalits? 5
- e) How is caste related to Dalit identity? 5
- f) Critically examine the Dalit perspective of nature as the embodiment of God? 5

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

- a) Subaltern religion 4
- b) Dalitization 4
- c) De-humanization 4
- d) Karuna 4
- e) Tirukkural 4
- f) Bhakti as People's Philosophy 4
- g) Denial through exploitation 4
- h) Social utility 4

Assignment – **MPYE 007: Research Methodology**

- 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. What are the main parts of a research paper? Explain each one in detail. 20

Or

Write an essay on the hermeneutical method in philosophy.

2. Define research. Explain in detail various tools used in scientific research. 20

Or

Enumerate the method and contents of thesis proposal.

3. Answer **any two** of the following questions in about 200 words each:

- a) Explain semantic autonomy and pre-understanding of the text. 10
- b) Explain the importance of material gathering and notes taking in research. 10
- c) How do rationalists differ from empiricists in their method? Explain 10
- d) How does Habermas critique Scientism? 10

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

- a) What is Language Game? 5
- b) Mark the relation between Thesis, Anti-Thesis and Synthesis. 5
- c) What do you know about post-structuralism? 5
- d) Explain the significance of bibliography. 5
- e) What is the difference between arguments and conclusion? 5
- f) What is meant by review of literature? 5

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

- a) Bracketing 4
- b) Intentionality 4
- c) Argument 4
- d) Myths 4
- e) Semantic axis 4
- f) Intuition 4
- g) Dialectic 4
- h) Theory of unity of opposites 4

