

Assignment – 9

BPY 009: Contemporary Western Philosophy

Note:

- i) Answer all five questions
- ii) All questions carry equal marks
- iii) Answer to question no. 1 and 2 should be in about **400 words** each.

1. Write an essay on the ordinary language philosophy. What are the contributions of Gilbert Ryle and Wittgenstein to ordinary language philosophy? 20

Or

Discuss in detail the concept of Will to Power in the philosophy of Nietzsche.

2. Elaborate Leibniz's doctrine of monad and pre-established harmony. Do you agree with the claim of Leibniz that this world is the best of all possible worlds? Discuss. 20

Or

Explain the common themes discussed in poststructuralism. Elaborate the Contributions of Michel Foucault to poststructuralism.

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

- a) Delineate three types of knowledge as discussed by Spinoza. 10
- b) Elaborate the contributing factors of Absurdity as discussed by Camus. 10
- c) Explain the tool-use model of language according to Wittgenstein. 10
- d) Briefly explain Berkeley's idea of 'esse est percipi'. 10

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

- a. How does Descartes prove the existence of God? 5
- b. What is historical materialism? 5
- c. Illustrate Casual determinism. 5
- d. What is Ricoeur's concept of the text? 5
- e. Describe the picture theory of meaning. 5
- f. Discuss the linguistic nature of human understanding in Gadamer. 5

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

- a) Categorical Imperative 4
- b) Neumenon 4
- c) Eidetic reduction 4
- d) Being-for-itself 4
- e) Allegory 4
- f) Leap of faith 4
- g) Atomic facts 4
- h) Deconstruction 4