

Assignment – 8

BPY – 008: Modern 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. The revival that happened in many aspects of human life during renaissance had great significance for western thought. Explain. 20
Or
Write an essay on Berkeley's rejection of abstract ideas. How does he focus his metaphysics on '*esse est percipi*'? Explain. 20
2. Analyze the Cartesian understanding of the world. How does he explain the relation between mind and body? 20
Or
Explain the Kantian norms on ethics with special reference to the categorical imperatives. 20
3. Answer **any two** of the following questions in about **200 words** each:
 - a. Explain the salient features of Platonic Ethics. 10
 - b. Describe the views of some philosophers on suicide. 10
 - c. Narrate absolute freedom as the central theme of existentialism. 10
 - d. What was the Marxian method of dialectical materialism? 10
4. Answer **any four** of the following in about **150 words** each:
 - a. What is the nature of violence? 5
 - b. Explicate the moral issues involved in abortion? 5
 - c. Does Hume agree on free will? 5
 - d. Discuss briefly Locke's concept of primary and secondary qualities. 5
 - e. Describe the law of sufficient reason. 5
 - f. Write a short note on logical positivism. 5
5. Write short notes on **any five** of the following in about **100 words** each:
 - a) Satya and Asteya 4
 - b) Phenomenon 4
 - c) Ignorance 4
 - d) Dialectic method 4
 - e) Parallelism 4
 - f) Self 4
 - g) Subjectivity 4
 - h) *Tabula rasa* 4