Assignment for TEE December 2026 and TEE June 2027

BAFPY (Philosophy)

BPYC-108: Contemporary Western Philosophy

Note:

1. Give answers to all **five** questions.
2. All five questions carry equal marks.
3. Answer Questions 1 and 2 in about **400 words** each.

1. Discuss the major characteristics of Continental Philosophy. Explain how it differs from Analytic Philosophy. 20

OR

Examine the main features of Contemporary Western Philosophy. Discuss the emergence and significance of Analytic and Continental traditions. 20

2. Explain Husserl's Phenomenology with special reference to Intentionality and Epoché. 20

OR

Critically examine Heidegger's concept of Dasein and explain its significance in existential philosophy. 20

3. Answer any **two** of the following questions in about **200** words each. 2 × 10 = 20

a) Discuss Karl Marx's concept of Alienation and Historical Materialism.

b) Explain Nietzsche's critique of traditional morality and the concept of the "Death of God."

c) Examine Freud's theory of the unconscious with reference to Id, Ego and Superego.

d) Discuss the main principles of Critical Theory and evaluate the contribution of the Frankfurt School.

4. Answer any **four** of the following questions in about **150** words each. 4 × 5 = 20

a) Explain Structuralism with reference to Ferdinand de Saussure.

b) Distinguish between Structuralism and Post-Structuralism.

c) Write a note on Gadamer's concept of Hermeneutics.

d) Explain Wittgenstein's Picture Theory of Meaning.

e) Write a note on Russell's Logical Atomism.

f) Discuss William James' theory of Pragmatism.

5. Write short notes on any **five** of the following in about **100** words each. $5 \times 4 = 20$

a) Alienated Labour

b) Will to Power

c) Dasein

d) Difference (*Différance*)

e) Logical Positivism

f) Verification Principle

g) Ordinary Language Philosophy

h) Communicative Rationality