

Assignment for TEE June 2026 and December 2026
BPYC-134
Western Philosophy: Modern

Note:

- 1. Give Answer of all five questions.**
- 2. All five questions carry equal marks**
- 3. Answer to question no. 1 and 2 should be in about 400 words each.**

1. Write a note on the salient features of Modern Western Philosophy. 20

OR

Give an account of Hegel's dialectical method and explain it with appropriate examples.

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2. What is Kant's view on the nature of knowledge? Explain and analyze. 20

OR

Explain and analyze Descartes' mind-body dualism.

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

- a) Explain the idea of causality. How does Hume criticize the notion of causation? 10
- b) Contrast Descartes' and Locke's conceptions of substance with that of Spinoza. 10
- c) What are innate ideas? How does Locke criticize the theory of innate ideas? 10
- d) Explain the significance of pre-established harmony in Leibniz's philosophy. 10

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

- a) Distinguish between primary and secondary qualities according to Locke. 5
- b) Examine Berkeley's refutation of materialism. 5
- c) "Thoughts without content are empty and intuitions without concepts are blind." Explain this dictum of Kant. 5

- d) Discuss Spinoza's idea of God. 5
- e) Write a short note on Enlightenment. 5
- f) Write a short note on historical materialism. 5
5. Write short notes on any **five** of the following in about **100 words** each. 5*4= 20
- a) Alienated Labour 4
- b) Locke's representative theory of perception 4
- c) Synthetic *a priori* and Analytic *a priori* judgments 4
- d) Tabula rasa 4
- e) Cogito, ergo sum 4
- f) Hegel's idea of Absolute Truth 4
- g) Meaning of the term "Transcendental" in Kant's philosophy 4
- h) The intellectual love of God 4