Assignment for TEE June 2025 and December 2025

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. 1. Write a brief essay outlining the key ideas of contemporary Western philosophy. 20

Or

What is Kant's view on the Nature of Knowledge? Explain and analyze. 20

2. Explain and analyze Descartes' method of doubt. 20

Or

How does Descartes prove the existence of the External world? 20

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 idea of causation? 10
b) Contrast Descartes' and Locke's conceptions of substance with Spinoza's. 10
c) What are Innate Ideas? How Locke criticizes the concept of innate ideas? 10
d) Explain Pre-established harmony. Discuss its significance 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 of Locke. 5
b) Write a note on Berkley'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 note on the mind-body dualism of Descartes. 5

f) Write a short note on Enlightenment. 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* 4

d) Leibniz's principle of sufficient reason 4

e) Descartes's Scientific Method 4

f) *Cogito, ergo sum* 4

g) Hegel's idea of Absolute Truth 4

h) Meaning of transcendental for Kant 4