



**INSTITUTE OF DISTANCE AND OPEN LEARNING**  
**Gauhati University**

**H O M E   A S S I G N M E N T**

**M. A. in Philosophy**  
**(PREVIOUS – 2009-2010)**

**Guidelines for Submission:**

1. Write your name, session, roll number, the topic selected and the title of the answer *clearly on the top*.
2. Each of the two topics given in each paper will be answered as **two essays** of *not more than 500 words each*. There will be negative marking for writing in excess of the word-limit.
3. Each answer (essay) carries a weightage of **10 marks**. (10 marks x 2 essays = 20 marks).
4. Keep a margin of about 1 inch on each side of the page.
5. You can submit the essay written in your own hand-writing on clean, foolscap sheets, or A-4 sized paper.
6. In case you prefer to submit type-written answers, make sure that there are no typing errors which will deduct from the overall impression.
7. Do not submit commercially purchased answers as such a practice is deemed to be unfair.
8. You are permitted to submit your assignment by 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2010. Please note that if you submit beyond the last date of submission, as mentioned in the IDOL prospectus i.e., after 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2010, it may not be considered.

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**Paper -1**

**Indian Philosophy**

- I. Explain and examine the epistemological doctrine of charvaka. 10
2. How does Sankara show the relation between Brahman and the world? 10

**Paper 2**

**Western Classical Philosophy**

1. Explain and examine Plato's theory of ideas. 10.
2. Explain and examine Kant's metaphysical deduction of categories. 10

**Paper 3**

**Contemporary Western Philosophy**

1. Bring out the implication of the sentence " Existence precedes essence." 10
2. Discuss Wittgenstein views on logical atoms. 10

**Paper 4**

**Ethics**

- I. Write a note on the ethical theory of Plato. 10
2. What is emotivism? Discuss with reference to Stevenson. 10

**Paper 5**

**Logic**

1. Distinguish between singular and general propositions. Explain how they are symbolised. 10
2. What is a set? What are following? Null set, Universe of discourse, set identity, set inclusion. 10

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