



INSTITUTE OF DISTANCE AND OPEN LEARNING

Gauhati University

HOME ASSIGNMENT

M. A. PHILOSOPHY

(FINAL– 2008-2009)

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 30th June, 2010. Please note that if you submit after 30th June, 2010, it may not be considered.

Paper VI : Contemporary Indian Philosophy

- 1) Critically examine Aurobinda's notion of reality.
- 2) Write a brief note on Gandhi's Philosophy of Social reconstruction.

Paper VII : Theory of Knowledge

- 1) Explain the relation between meaning and reference.
- 2) Give a critical estimate of the Coherence theory of Truth.

Paper VIII : Metaphysics

- 1) Determine the nature of metaphysical enquiry.
- 2) What are the categories according to Kant? Discuss their role in Knowledge.

Paper IX (Group A) (i) Logic

- 1) Distinguish between proposition and propositional function with illustrations.
- 2) What is Logical Truth? How is it different from empirical Truth? Discuss.

Paper X (Group A) (ii) Logic

- 1) Distinguish between Primary and Secondary Induction.
- 2) How is Vyapti ascertained according to Nayaya? Discuss.

Paper IX (Group B) (i) Philosophy of Religion

- 1) What are the arguments for the immortality of the Soul according to Plato?
- 2) State the problem of evil and give a solution that appeals to you.

Paper X (Group B) (ii) Comparative Religion

- 1) What are the salient features of Hinduism as a religion?
- 2) Compare the concepts of God in Christianity and Islam.