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MHU-003

**POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN
HUMAN VALUES AND ETHICS
(PGDHVE)**

Term-End Examination

June, 2026

**MHU-003 : PHILOSOPHY OF THE HUMAN
BEING**

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : (i) *Answer any **five** questions.*

(ii) *All questions carry equal marks.*

(iii) *Provide detailed answers to questions 1-7 in **400-500** words each and question 8 in **200-300** words each.*

1. Explain the meaning and scope of 'Philosophical Anthropology'. How did Rene Descartes contribute to the anthropocentric turn in modern philosophy ? 20

2. Discuss the relationship between philosophy of Human being and other branches of philosophy. 20
3. Examine the western philosophical views on the human being with special reference to rationality, individuality and freedom. 20
4. Discuss Indian philosophical views on the human being with reference to the Upanishads and other classic traditions. 20
5. Explain the concepts of 'human existence' and 'freedom'. How do philosophers interpret humans as "Beings-in-the-world" ? 20
6. Discuss the philosophical understanding of death and personal identity. How do different schools interpret life after death, rebirth and resurrection ? 20
7. Critically examine contemporary debates on human nature and personhood. How do genetic engineering and pluralism challenge traditional notions of personhood ? 20

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8. Write short notes on any *two* of the following : 2×10=20

- (a) Human Interdependence
- (b) Self-Actualization
- (c) Nihilistic views on life after death
- (d) Personhood in a pluralistic society

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