**Introduction to Philosophy**

Monsoon 2019

Final Term Paper Topics

(Max Marks: 40)

Instructions: These are suggested Topics. You are free to come up with your own research problem; but it must take into account the philosophers and issues we have covered in class. The word limit is 2500 words. Keep your answers focused. Cite your sources in the *MLA* or *Chicago* style. Please refer to the following sites for each style respectively. <https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/mla_formatting_and_style_guide/mla_in_text_citations_the_basics.html>

<http://www.citationmachine.net/chicago>

If it is an online source provide the link either in parenthesis in the main text (MLA) or as a footnote/endnote (Chicago). Avoid long quotations.

Any Plagiarism would result in an **F** grade.

1. What is Hume’s critique of ‘personal identity’? Do you think it is tenable? Discuss with respect to Kant’s account of cognition.

2. What role does temporality and spatiality play in the problem of personal identity? Discuss.

3. Does Strawson succeed in overcoming the impasse between the ‘moral optimist’ and ‘pessimist’? Discuss

4. Critically evaluate Strawson’s conception of reactive attitudes with respect to Kantian moral theory.

5. What further consequences follow from the ‘phenomenological’ or ‘bottom up’ approach that Strawson adopts? Can it form the basis of overcoming the divide between the feminist ‘care’ perspective and the universal ‘justice’ perspective of traditional moral theory?