

## M20HSS316-ITP/Assignment-0/20171213/CSD

1) From a very young age, my personality has always been like that of an inquisitive child. I have always been occupied by questions like where do we come from? how this world came into existence? and more. Thanks to my school teachers, who made mathematics interesting and raised my curiosity to learn more. Since then, I have been exploring different fields of mathematics and always living in an awe of how beautiful it is.

Ever since, I have been looking at the world through the glass of calculations and quantifications, specially, how things work and how we can describe them more formally and mathematically.

Quoting an instance from my life, I found myself visualising the centroid (or the geometric centre) of three birds flying in the sky, hence I can say that I love finding patterns everywhere, and especially symmetry.

Since the past two years, my love for mathematics drove me into learning more about other fields. I became interested in Psychology, Fitness, Philosophy, Sciences and Literature.

Coming to my views of the world, I would love it if every human being contributes in helping each other and make this world a better place, a utopia. Where every human being is living in harmony, and everyone's life is blissful.

I would say IIIT-H played a very big role in my transformation from being just constrained to mathematics to exploring other fields which I never delved into. The opportunities and the work we get at IIIT, always needed something new (which I have never done before) and thus helped me upgrade myself and sign up for new skills.

Yes, sometimes the workload and academics requires a lot of inputs from oneself, which I like and don't like simultaneously. On one hand, it creates an arena for you to sweep out of your comfort zone, on the other, it can be daunting to do the given amount of work in a tight schedule with a strict deadline.

My only want is to explore more and gain new life experiences while living in the world peacefully and still being curious to learn something new.

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2) The main reason for me to sign up for the Philosophy course was the mere interest to explore new fields, and to strengthen my short knowledge base and widen my perspectives. I was always interested in knowing about how things worked and to assign some rationale behind everything or find some logical arguments underneath every causation. And I think the Introduction to Philosophy course would help me develop the same mindset or at least give me some faculties to further explore my wants.

Earlier, once, while studying the Philosophy module in Introduction to Human Sciences course (2nd Year), I came across the concept of mind-body duality. And I must say, that concept ignited the curiosity within me to pursue and read more about Philosophy. The enigmatic theory of dualism and monism, and Descarte quoting the existence of consciousness as a floating tangible thing in a way provoked many questions in my grey matter. Thus becoming the laying foundation for my philosophical interests.

It's not that I do not want to explore other courses i.e. reading more about Shakespeare or let's say Indian Classical Music, it's just that Philosophy stands as an altogether different field where I can improve my thinking abilities and the art of questioning everything. Consisting of topics like "Does God exist?" to "What is the nature of mind?" Philosophy does excellent work.

After going through this course, the only expectation I have is an upgrade of my thinking faculties and a developed set of writing skills i.e. presenting my thoughts more lucidly on paper (thanks to the amount of assignment).

Philosophy other than usual humanities courses improves one's thinking skills and logical questioning abilities. With Philosophy one begins exploring the world and the existence of this universe from the very origin.

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3) Yes, I do agree with the claim that 'studying Philosophy improves a student's thinking ability'. It's in the way the whole subject is thought of, adding to it every branch of Sciences traces back to the roots of Philosophy. It develops oneself to question about existence and is framed on "the love for wisdom".

Every argument that is studied and raised in the name of Philosophy gives one the power to truly question something based on completely logical basis. And for sure, this must improve one's analytical skills which is nothing but thinking abstract things logically.

Delving into dilemmas, thought experiments, conceptual discussions and paradoxes is at the heart of Philosophy. Studying Philosophy develops one's propensity for raising trivial as well as complex arguments for anything that goes on in his/her life. Thinking about vast topics like "God, Causality and World", it is evident for a person to develop better-thinking noesis.

Also various references in the question itself approves this. Not only in studies, I feel the person having an experience with Philosophy would do well in life as well.

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