

M.A. PHILOSOPHY (MAPY)

Term-End Examination

December, 2016

MPYE-003 : EPISTEMOLOGY

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Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

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- Note :** (i) *Answer all five questions.*
(ii) *All questions carry equal marks.*
(iii) *Answers to question no. 1 and 2 should be in about 500 words each.*
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1. Critically analyse Bertrand Russell's statement, 20
"the two great engines in the progress of human
society are the desire to understand the world and
to improve it". What are the implications of the
statement in the epistemological understanding
of reality ?

OR

Analyse various theories of meaning in both 20
Western and Indian Systems with special
reference to the linguistic and hermeneutical
traditions.

2. What are the significant contributions of 20
Rationalism and Empiricism in the field of
Epistemology ? Analyse.

OR

Discuss various sources of knowledge in both 20
Western and Indian philosophical systems.

3. Answer **any two** of the following in about **250** words each :
- (a) Explain the relationship between epistemology and metaphysics. 10
 - (b) Describe khyati-vāda (theories of error) in Nyāya and Vedanta Systems. 10
 - (c) What is 'Linguistic turn' ? Discuss its implications to Western Philosophy. 10
 - (d) Illustrate William James Pragmatic theory of truth. 10
4. Answer **any four** of the following in about **150** words each :
- (a) List out fivefold propositions (avayava) of inference in Nyāya System. 5
 - (b) What is hermeneutical Suspicion ? 5
 - (c) How are concepts formed from sense experiences ? 5
 - (d) "Philosophy is more than Epistemology." Comment on the statement. 5
 - (e) Describe 'belief' as a necessary condition for truth. 5
 - (f) Differentiate opinions from Ideas. 5
5. Write short notes on **any five** of the following in about **100** words each :
- (a) Epistemic Justification 4
 - (b) Criteria of Truth 4
 - (c) Foundationalism 4
 - (d) Error in Judgment 4
 - (e) Skepticism 4
 - (f) Direct realism 4
 - (g) 'Hetu' 4
 - (h) Pramana 4
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