

**M.A. PHILOSOPHY (MAPY)**

**Term-End Examination**

**June, 2016**

**MPYE-003 : EPISTEMOLOGY**

*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. Enumerate different theories of error as in different Indian philosophical systems. 20  
**OR**  
Reflect on how the study of epistemology helps us differentiate truth from falsehood. 20
2. How do you define 'knowledge' ? Describe the philosophical issue of 'certitude' in relation to knowledge. 20  
**OR**  
Write an essay on the implications of linguistic turn and hermeneutical developments to contemporary epistemology. 20
3. Answer **any two** of the following in about 250 words each :
- (a) Explain in detail 'perception' as a valid source of knowledge. 10  
(b) Explain in detail Upamana (comparison) as source of knowledge. 10

- (c) Explain the role of 'Invariable Concomitance' in Inference. 10
- (d) Explain briefly the Jaina Theory of partial judgment - 'syadvāda.' 10

4. Answer any four of the following in about 150 words each :

- (a) Is 'āpti' (trustworthiness of the witness) so important in Śabda Pramāna? Why? 5
- (b) Name the six sources of knowledge accepted in Indian systems. 5
- (c) Can we know the 'noumena' (things in themselves) according to Kant? Why? 5
- (d) Describe the nominalism of William Ockham. 5
- (e) Enumerate various types of justification. 5
- (f) What is 'hermeneutic circle'? 5

5. Write short notes on any five of the following in about 100 words each :

- (a) Coherentism 4
- (b) Episteme 4
- (c) Sense perception 4
- (d) Empiricism 4
- (e) Precepts and concepts 4
- (f) Fusion of horizons 4
- (g) Externalism and Internalism 4
- (h) Doubt and certitude 4