

M.A. PHILOSOPHY (MAPY)

Term-End Examination

December, 2011

MPYE-003 : EPISTEMOLOGY

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

- Note :** (i) *Answer all five questions.*
(ii) *All questions carry equal marks.*
(iii) *Answers to question 1 and 2 should be in about 500 words each.*

1. What is Pramana ? Explain the six Pramanas accepted in Indian Philosophy. 20

OR

How does Western Classical tradition deal with justification of knowledge ? Critically analyse. 20

2. Analyse various theories of error in Indian Epistemology. 20

OR

Define Epistemology. How is it related to the other branches of Philosophy ? 20

3. Answer *any Two* of the following in about 250 words each :
- (a) Explain the correspondence theory of Truth. 10
 - (b) How do you compare Aristotelian and Nyaya Syllogism ? 10
 - (c) Describe Prama, Prameya and Pramana as discussed in Indian Epistemology. 10
 - (d) Explain Wittgenstein's 'Language game'. 10
4. Answer *any Four* of the following in about 150 words each :
- (a) What is picture theory according to Wittgenstein ? 5
 - (b) Briefly explain foundationalism. 5
 - (c) Describe the Carvaka position that perception is the only means of knowledge. 5
 - (d) What are the conditions for Testimony, to be a valid source of knowledge ? 5
 - (e) Describe Hermeneutics as a method of knowledge. 5
 - (f) Explain Sphota Theory. 5

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

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| (a) Dhvani | 4 |
| (b) Coherentism | 4 |
| (c) Idealism | 4 |
| (d) Pragmatic theory of truth | 4 |
| (e) Hermeneutical Circle | 4 |
| (f) Knowledge as justified true belief | 4 |
| (g) Tatparya | 4 |
| (h) Epistemic - holism | 4 |
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