

M.A. PHILOSOPHY (MAPY)

Term-End Examination

June, 2012

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 1 and 2 should be in about 400 words each.*
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1. What is knowledge ? How do you define "to know"? 20
- OR**
- Write an essay on the nature and types of certitude. 20
2. What is Hermeneutics ? Write about the three components of Hermeneutical enterprise. 20
- OR**
- Write an essay on Pratyaksa (Perception) as dealt with in different schools of Indian philosophy. 20
3. Answer *any two* of the following in about 200 words each.
- (a) What do you understand by Deconstruction ? 10
What are its implications ?

- (b) What are the four ways of having unjustified belief ? 10
- (c) Explain Inference (anumān) as a valid source of knowledge. 10
- (d) Explain the debate between Internalism and Externalism. 10
4. Answer *any four* of the following in about 150 words each.
- (a) Discuss the method of Arthapathi (Postulation). 5
- (b) What is epistemological realism ? 5
- (c) Write a short note on the sophist contribution to the development of epistemology. 5
- (d) Explain the pragmatic theory of truth. 5
- (e) Briefly discuss the Hermeneutics of Schleiermacher. 5
- (f) What is Hetvābhāsa (fallacy) ? Explain. 5
5. Write short notes on *any five* of the following in about 100 words each.
- (a) Holism 4
- (b) Language game 4
- (c) Linga Parāmarsā 4
- (d) Manas or antahkarana 4
- (e) Incommensurability 4
- (f) Neurath's boat metaphor 4
- (g) Sphota theory 4
- (h) Constructivism 4