

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

**Term-End Examination**

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**December, 2017**

**MPYE-003(S) : EPISTEMOLOGY**

*Time : 3 hours*

*Maximum Marks : 100*

**Note :**

- (i) Answer **all five** questions.
- (ii) All questions carry equal marks.
- (iii) Answers to questions no. 1 and 2 should be in about 500 words each.

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1. Explain contextual continuity and methodological continuity between sciences and epistemology. 20

**OR**

Explain the different theories of truth in Western thought. 20

2. Examine the relation between knowledge and certitude. Distinguish between ontological and religious certitude. 20

**OR**

Give an account of the hermeneutic trends in the heterodox and orthodox schools of Indian thought. 20

3. Answer any **two** of the following in about 250 words each :
- (a) Make a comparison between Arthapatti and Anupalabdhi. 10
  - (b) Highlight the importance of 'Pratyaksha' in Indian thought. 10
  - (c) "Radical translation does not undermine the basic hermeneutic insight." Explain. 10
  - (d) Explain Wittgenstein's Language Game. 10
4. Answer any **four** of the following in about 150 words each :
- (a) How does 'Concept' differ from 'Idea' in Scholastic philosophy? 5
  - (b) Explain the hermeneutical ideas of Gadamer. 5
  - (c) Give a brief account of the Ideal language philosophy of Bertrand Russell. 5
  - (d) Briefly explain Comparison or Upamana as a valid source of knowledge. 5
  - (e) What is Epistemic Justification? 5
  - (f) Explain Semantic Holism. 5

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

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| (a) Cognition and Evolution         | 4 |
| (b) Limits of Holism                | 4 |
| (c) Picture Theory                  | 4 |
| (d) Sphota Theory                   | 4 |
| (e) Types of Sabda                  | 4 |
| (f) Laukika and Alaukika Perception | 4 |
| (g) Satkhyati                       | 4 |
| (h) Knowledge and Truth             | 4 |
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