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M.A. PHILOSOPHY (MAPY)

Term-End Examination

June, 2014

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 **500** words each.
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1. Explain the concept of knowledge and bring out the philosophical implications of the term, 'to know'. **20**
- OR**
- Critically evaluate the theory of khyativada. **20**
2. What is a language game ? Examine its significance in bringing about revolutionary change in philosophical thinking. **20**
- OR**
- What do you understand by Epistemic Justification ? Discuss various modern theories of justification. **20**
3. Answer **any two** of the following in about **250** words each : **10**
- (a) Examine the contributions of Plato and Aristotle in laying the foundations of western epistemology. **10**

- (b) Examine the status of pratyaksha as a pramana. 10
- (c) Explain briefly the three components of hermeneutic enterprise. 10
- (d) Examine Rorty's views on epistemology-centred philosophy. 10
4. Answer any four of the following in about 150 words each :
- (a) Is perception possible without sannikarsha ? Explain. 5
- (b) Explain ontological certitude in the context of Epistemic justification. 5
- (c) Briefly explain the existential hermeneutics of Heidegger. 5
- (d) "A sentence is a picture or model of reality." Explain. 5
- (e) Explain briefly the theory of dhvani. 5
- (f) Explain briefly Quine - Duhem thesis. 5
5. Write short notes on any five of the following in about 100 words each :
- (a) Enactivism 4
- (b) Vyapti 4
- (c) Reliabilism 4
- (d) Communicative action 4
- (e) Sense - data 4
- (f) Semantic holism 4
- (g) Hypothetico - deductive method 4
- (h) Constructivism 4
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