

M.A. PHILOSOPHY (MAPY)

Term-End Examination

June, 2018

MPYE-003 : EPISTEMOLOGY

00304

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. Give a detailed account of Pratyaksa and discuss the theory of erroneous perception. 20

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Write an essay on justification explaining its relation to truth. Give examples of possible situations of unjustified beliefs. 20

2. Write an essay on naturalized epistemology. How do you understand the methodological continuity between science and epistemology ? 20

OR

Define truth. Explain the pragmatic and coherence theories of truth in detail. 20

3. Answer any two of the following in about 250 words each :

- (a) What do you understand by the linguistic turn in philosophy ? Explain the main-streams that helped in its development. 10

- (b) Is perception fundamentally reliable ? 10
Discuss it in the light of the debate on truth and error.
- (c) Do I really know anything unless and until I am certain that what I know is true and reasonable ? Explain the relation between knowledge and reasonableness. 10
- (d) What do you understand by hermeneutics ? Write short notes on the three components of hermeneutics. 10
4. Answer **any four** of the following in about **150** words each :
- (a) Briefly explain postulation (arthapati). 5
- (b) How do we obtain the evidence of the truth of propositions in Logic ? 5
- (c) Discuss meaning as use. 5
- (d) What is the scope of epistemology ? 5
- (e) What are the four criteria of interpretation according to pratisarana sutra in Buddhist hermeneutics ? 5
- (f) Describe the similarities and differences between ethics and epistemology. 5
5. Write short notes on **any five** of the following in about **100** words each :
- (a) Laukika 4
- (b) Evidence 4
- (c) Episteme 4
- (d) Externalism 4
- (e) Tatparya 4
- (f) Savikalpaka perception 4
- (g) Illocution 4
- (h) Second order assertion 4
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