

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

**Term-End Examination**

**December, 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 no 1 and 2 should be in about **400** words each.
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1. Define Epistemology. Explain its nature and scope. 20

**OR**

What do you understand by truth ? Which are the three traditional theories of truth ? Explain them in detail. 20

2. Give a general account of the different means of knowledge (Pramāṇa) accepted in different schools of Indian Philosophy. 20

**OR**

Describe in detail 'Certitude'. Discuss various kinds of certitude possible. 20

3. Answer **any two** of the following in about **200 words** each.
- (a) Briefly explain the contextual continuity between sciences and Epistemology. **10**
  - (b) What are the various theories of Justification ? **10**
  - (c) Discuss the correspondence theory of truth according to Nyaya school. **10**
  - (d) Explain Quine's theory of naturalised epistemology ? **10**
4. Answer **any four** of the following in about **150 words** each.
- (a) Differentiate between Indeterminate (Nirvikalpaka) and determinate (Savikalpaka) perception. **5**
  - (b) How do you make sense of "to know"? **5**
  - (c) Explain "evidence". **5**
  - (d) Discuss Anumana (Inference) as a valid source of knowledge. **5**
  - (e) What are the three components of hermeneutical enterprise ? **5**
  - (f) Explain the picture theory of language according to Wittgenstein. **5**

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

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| (a) Realism.                            | 4 |
| (b) Nominalism                          | 4 |
| (c) Supra normal (Alaukika) perception. | 4 |
| (d) Noumenon and Phenomenon             | 4 |
| (e) Pre-understanding                   | 4 |
| (f) Anyathākhyātivāda                   | 4 |
| (g) Śabda Pramāna                       | 4 |
| (h) Syādvāda                            | 4 |
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