

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

**Term-End Examination**

**December, 2014**

**00969**

**MPYE-003 : 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.*

1. Discuss the major theories of truth in Western philosophy. 20

**OR**

Explain the different kinds of certitude possible in the context of justification of knowledge. 20

2. Discuss briefly the stages involved in the historical evolution of hermeneutics. 20

**OR**

Define Pramana. Give an account of Pratyaksha in Indian Tradition. 20

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

- (a) Explain five kinds of hetvabhasa. 10
- (b) Examine the status of inference (anumana) as a valid pramana in Indian philosophy. 10
- (c) Explain briefly the theory – ladenness of observation in the context of epistemic holism. 10
- (d) Explain briefly “linguistic turn” in Western philosophy. 10

4. Answer any *four* of the following in about 150 words each :

- (a) Distinguish between locutions and illocutions. 5
- (b) What is epistemic justification ? 5
- (c) Describe the Sphota theory of meaning. 5
- (d) Elucidate the notion of Apohavada. 5
- (e) Explain foundationalism as a theory of justification. 5
- (f) Explain briefly perceptual consciousness. 5

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

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| (a) Upamana                   | 4 |
| (b) Syadvada                  | 4 |
| (c) Elementary propositions   | 4 |
| (d) Picture theory of meaning | 4 |
| (e) Radical translation       | 4 |
| (f) Paradigm                  | 4 |
| (g) Naturalized epistemology  | 4 |
| (h) Arthapathi                | 4 |
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