

**M.A. PHILOSOPHY**  
**Term-End Examination**  
**June, 2011**

**MPYE-007 : RESEARCH METHODOLOGY IN  
PHILOSOPHY**

*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. Describe the nature and scope of scientific and systematic research in philosophy. 20

**OR**

Critically analyse the Dialectical method used in philosophy to arrive at truth. 20

2. How do you prepare a research paper ? Spell out the guidelines for a scholarly presentation of the paper. 20

**OR**

Explain the Analytical method as applied in both Indian and Western philosophy. 20

3. Answer *any two* of the following in about **250** words each :
- (a) Describe Research methodology in philosophy. Explain its benefits. **10**
  - (b) Discuss the issues involved in citation and References. **10**
  - (c) Explain the Rationalist method of Descartes in arriving at certain knowledge. **10**
  - (d) What are the relevant points to be ensured while choosing a research topic ? Explain. **10**
4. Answer *any four* of the following in about **150** words each :
- (a) What is a foot note ? Give an example. **5**
  - (b) Explain the meaning of hypothesis. **5**
  - (c) Distinguish between Rationalism and Empiricism. **5**
  - (d) Explain qualitative research. **5**
  - (e) What is a survey method in philosophy ? **5**
  - (f) Describe plagiarism. **5**
5. Write short notes on *any five* of the following in about **100** words each :
- (a) Scientific method **4**
  - (b) Synopsis **4**
  - (c) Myth **4**
  - (d) Scepticism **4**
  - (e) End notes **4**
  - (f) Appendix **4**
  - (g) Objectivity **4**
  - (h) Paradigm shift **4**