

M. A. (PHILOSOPHY)

(MAPY)

Term-End Examination

June, 2025

MPYE-003 : EPISTEMOLOGY

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : Answer all *five* questions. All questions carry equal marks. Answers to question nos. 1 and 2 should be in about 500 words each.

1. What is Naturalized Epistemology ? Discuss its implications. 20

Or

Explain 'justified true belief' account of knowledge. How does Gattier counter this account of knowledge ? 20

2. Discuss *three* components of Hermeneutical Enterprise. 20

Or

Discuss in detail the concept of Anumana (inference) in Nyaya Philosophy. 20

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

(a) What are the conditions required for a sentence to be meaningful in Nyāya Philosophy ? 10

(b) Compare between Correspondence and Coherence theories of truth. 10

- (c) Briefly discuss and examine the Picture Theory of Wittgenstein. 10
- (d) Write a note on 'Sabda Pramāna (verbal testimony as a means of knowledge). 10
4. Answer any *four* of the following questions in about **150** words each :
- (a) Write a note on Anyathākhyātivāda. 5
- (b) Analyze Paul Ricoeur's idea of Hermeneutics. 5
- (c) What is the relation between truth and justification ? Discuss in brief. 5
- (d) Write a note on Apohavāda. 5
- (e) What is Confirmational Holism ? Discuss in brief. 5
- (f) Differentiate between Determinate (Savikalpaka) and Indeterminate (Nirvikalpaka) perceptions. 5

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

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| (a) Satkhyātivada | 4 |
| (b) Anuplabdhi | 4 |
| (c) Naive realism | 4 |
| (d) Scope of epistemology | 4 |
| (e) Religious certitude | 4 |
| (f) Contextualism | 4 |
| (g) Abhidhā | 4 |
| (h) Epistemic justification | 4 |

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