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M. A. (PHILOSOPHY)

(MAPY)

Term-End Examination

December, 2024

MPYE-003 : EPISTEMOLOGY

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : (i) *Answer all the **five** questions.*

(ii) *All questions carry equal marks.*

(iii) *Answer to Question Nos. 1 and 2 should
be in about **500** words each.*

1. What is pragmatic theory of truth ? Explain the
notion of Arthakriyākāritva in this context. 20

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Or

If our belief happens to be true, can we raise it to the level of knowledge ? Explain the importance of justification in establishing an instance of belief or cognition as knowledge with reference to the connection between knowledge and reasonableness.

2. Explain *anumāna* (inference) as a source of knowledge in classical Indian epistemology. Explain the role of *vyāpti* (invariable concomitance) in Inference. 20

Or

Describe *anupalabdhi* (non-existence) as a source of knowledge in Classical Indian Epistemology. Explain the difference between Nyāya and Mīmāṃsā view of non-existence.

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

- (a) Critically discuss *Akhyāti* and *Anyathākhyāti* theories of error. 10
- (b) Critically discuss the difference between Laukika (normal) and Alaukika (supra-normal) types of perception as discussed in classical Indian philosophy. 10
- (c) Explain the notion of *manas* or *antaḥkarana* in classical Indian philosophy. 10
- (d) Explain the idea of ontological certitude with reference to classical approaches to justification of knowledge. 10

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

- (a) Explain the difference between Internalism *vs.* Externalism with reference to modern approaches to justification of knowledge. 5

- (b) Explain the *three* components of hermeneutical enterprise. 5
- (c) Explain the notion of elementary propositions as propounded by Wittgenstein in his book *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus*. 5
- (d) Explain the meaning of paradigm with reference to Kuhn. 5
- (e) Briefly explain Ideal Language Philosophy of Bertrand Russell. 5
- (f) Explain Prabhakara's *Anvitābhidānavāda* theory of meaning. 5
5. Write short notes on any **five** of the following in about **100** words each : 4 each
- (a) *Anekāntavāda*
- (b) *Apohavāda*
- (c) Semantic holism

- (d) Theory-Ladenness of Observations
- (e) Naturalized Epistemology
- (f) Hypothetico-Deductive Method
- (g) Perceptual Polymorphy
- (h) Illocution

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