



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – PHILOSOPHY

SECOND SEMESTER – APRIL 2023

PPL2MC02 – PHILOSOPHY OF KNOWLEDGE

Date: 24-04-2023

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Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 09:30 AM - 12:30 PM

SECTION A – K1 (CO1)

Answer ALL the questions

(5 x 1 = 5)

1. **Answer the following questions**

- Name four types of knowledge from general perspective.
- In which book has Lonergan developed the Cognitive structure of knowing?
- Name the three theories of perception.
- To which philosopher General Hermeneutics is associated with?
- According to Schleiermacher, what are the two modes of interpretation?

SECTION A – K2 (CO1)

Answer ALL the questions

(5 x 1 = 5)

2. **Answer the following questions**

- Name the school of Hermeneutics founded by Paul Ricoeur.
- Who is the exponent of philosophical hermeneutics?
- What is the classical definition of knowledge according to Plato?
- Name the three mental states that lead to Certitude.
- Who are the proponents of Correspondence and Coherence theories of Truth?

SECTION B – K3 (CO2)

Answer any THREE of the following in 300 words

(3 x 10 = 30)

- Discuss the three varieties of knowledge discussed by Aristotle in his book, "Metaphysics."
- Justify Reason and Experience (Perception) as the most valid sources of knowledge.
- Illustrate Logical and Ontological Truth.
- "Human Person by nature is hermeneutical." Explain.
- Write a critical note on the Four Phases of historical development of Hermeneutics.

SECTION C – K4 (CO3)

Answer any TWO of the following in 500 words

(2 x 12.5 = 25)

- Write a critical evaluation of Lonergan's Cognitive Structure.
- Underline the significance of Empiricism as a school of Philosophy.
- Analyze Wilhelm Dilthey's distinction between Natural Science and Human Science.
- Assess the significance of the Four Forms of Distanciation dealt with by Paul Ricoeur in his text-centered hermeneutics.

SECTION D – K5 (CO4)

Answer any ONE of the following in 750 words **(1 x 15 = 15)**

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| 12. | How relevant are the correspondence and coherence theories of truth to determine true knowledge? |
| 13. | Celebrating hermeneutics as a divinatory process and underlining the salient features of General Hermeneutics of Schleiermacher, critically evaluate its role as the most prominent theory of interpretation. |

SECTION E – K6 (CO5)

Answer any ONE of the following in 1000 words **(1 x 20 = 20)**

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| 14. | How can one apply the insights drawn from Metaphysical and Physical certitude while arguing for or against objective or universal truth? |
| 15. | “The text centered hermeneutics presents the most fundamental theory of interpretation.” Critically examine the statement. |

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