



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – PHILOSOPHY

2 SEMESTER – APRIL 2024

PPL2MC02 – PHILOSOPHY OF KNOWLEDGE

Date: 17-04-2024

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 09:00 AM - 12:00 NOON

SECTION A – K1 (CO1)

Answer ALL the questions

(5 x 1 = 5)

1 Fill in the blanks with appropriate Words or Phrases.

- a) Rhythm, order, consistency and repetitive operations are features of _____ Certitude.
- b) Everything must have sufficient reason for its being is an example of _____ Certitude.
- c) “Man acts naturally unless particular circumstances move him otherwise”, is a characteristic of _____ Certitude.
- d) “Equal weight view” is attributed to mental state known as _____.
- e) Fear of the possibility of error is attributed to a mental state called _____.

SECTION A – K2 (CO1)

Answer ALL the questions

(5 x 1 = 5)

2 Match the following

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| a) | General Hermeneutics | Paul Ricoeur |
| b) | Romantic Hermeneutics | Hans-George Gadamer |
| c) | Text Centred Hermeneutics | Michael Foucault |
| d) | Fusion of Horizon | Friedrich Schleiermacher |
| e) | Post Modern Hermeneutics | Wilhelm Dilthey |

SECTION B – K3 (CO2)

Answer any THREE of the following in 100 words each.

(3 x 10 = 30)

- 3 Discuss the three types of knowledge in Aristotle’s *Metaphysics*.
- 4 Highlight the key features of Skepticism and Relativism.
- 5 Distinguish Contingent Truth from Necessary Truth.
- 6 Underline the significance of the six characteristics of Modern Hermeneutics.
- 7 Write short notes on “Hermeneutic Circle” and Hermeneutics as a “Divinatory Process”.

SECTION C – K4 (CO3)

Answer any TWO of the following in 200 words each.

(2 x 12.5 = 25)

- 8 Establish the significance of Intuition and Reason as valid sources of Knowledge.
- 9 Evaluate the significance of Cognitive Structure of Knowing by Lonergan.
- 10 Assess Wilhelm Dilthey’s distinction between Human Sciences and Natural Sciences.
- 11 Critically evaluate the concepts of Effective historical consciousness, Prejudice and Tradition by Gadamer.

SECTION D – K5 (CO4)

Answer any ONE of the following in 500 words

(1 x 15 = 15)

- 12** Analyze the usefulness of Correspondence and Pragmatic Theories of Truth in our world today.
- 13** Examine Ricoeur's Four *Forms of Distanciation, Semantic Autonomy* and text as a *means of self-understanding*.

SECTION E – K6 (CO5)

Answer any ONE of the following in 1000 words

(1 x 20 = 20)

- 14** Bring out the value of objective truth by elucidating all the three Degrees of Certitude.
- 15** Critically evaluate the Characteristics of Post-Modern Hermeneutics as opposed to Modernism.

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