



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI – 600 034

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – PHILOSOPHY

SECOND SEMESTER – APRIL 2025

PPL2MC02 – PHILOSOPHY OF KNOWLEDGE



Date: 15-04-2025

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Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 09:00 AM - 12:00 NOON

SECTION A – K1 (CO1)

Answer ALL the questions

(5 x 1 = 5)

1 Answer the following

- Define phenomenology.
- Mention is the valid source of knowledge according to *Cārvākas*.
- What is rationalism?
- State the meaning of Biblical Hermeneutics?
- Describe truth.

SECTION A – K2 (CO1)

Answer ALL the questions

(5 x 1 = 5)

2 Answer the following

- Paraphrase Dilthey's description of life.
- Define 'knowledge situation.'
- Explain general hermeneutics.
- What is constructivism?
- Mention the founder of *Cārvāka*.

SECTION B – K3 (CO2)

Answer any THREE of the following in 100 words each.

(3 x 10 = 30)

- Explain the usages of the expression 'to know.'
- Illustrate 'understanding' and 'reason' in hermeneutics.
- What is the difference between belief and opinion?
- Construct 'hermeneutics of truth and method' according to Gadamer.
- Establish the link between belief, truth and knowledge.

SECTION C – K4 (CO3)

Answer any TWO of the following in 200 words each.

(2 x 12.5 = 25)

- Give a critical appraisal of the Hermeneutic Circle.
- Critically assess the value of scepticism.
- Bring out the salient features of Ricoeur's Hermeneutics.
- Classify the problems of knowledge.

SECTION D – K5 (CO4)

	Answer any ONE of the following in 500 words	(1 x 15 = 15)
12	Give a critical assessment of structural hermeneutics.	
13	Explain the central principles of pragmatism.	

SECTION E – K6 (CO5)

	Answer any ONE of the following in 1000 words	(1 x 20 = 20)
14	Formulate ‘Hermeneutical Phenomenology.’	
15	Illustrate the ‘sources of knowledge’ according to the Western and Indian philosophies.	

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