



**LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034**

**M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – PHILOSOPHY**

**SECOND SEMESTER – APRIL 2017**

**16PPL2MC01– EPISTEMOLOGY**

Date: 05/04/2017  
09:00-12:00

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

**PART-A**

**Answer all the questions (6 x 6 = 36 marks)**

1. Trace the origin of Epistemology in Greek Philosophy.
2. Explain briefly any four valid sources of knowledge.
3. Write a short note on Relativism as an epistemological school of Philosophy.
4. Make a distinction between Contingent Truth and Necessary Truth.
5. What are the various types of Objective Evidence?
6. Why, according to Plato (in *Phaedo*), is committing suicide a sin?

**PART-B**

**Answer the following (4 x 16 = 64 marks)**

7. (A) Write an essay on any **five** valid means of Knowledge in Indian Philosophy. **(16 marks)**

**OR**

- (B) Write an essay on the types and the degrees of certitude. **(16 marks)**

8. (A) Discuss the four States of Mind in a human's search for knowledge. **(16 marks)**

**OR**

- (B) Evaluate Blanshard's Coherence Theory of Truth. **(16 marks)**

9. (A) Comment on the "Cyclic" (Opposites) argument for the Immortality of Soul in *Phaedo*. **(08 marks)**

- (B) Write a critical note on Hume's views on Personal Identity. **(08 marks)**

**OR**

- (C) Highlight the discourse on Soul in *Summa Theologica*. **(16 marks)**

10. (A) What are the Ten Modes that lead to skepticism? **(08 marks)**

- (B) What is your assessment of Intuition as a valid source of knowledge? **(08 marks)**

**OR**

- (C) Critically evaluate the Correspondence and Pragmatic theories of Truth. **(16 marks)**

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