

**M.A. PHILOSOPHY (MAPY)**

**Term-End Examination**

**December, 2012**

**MPYE-007 : RESEARCH METHODOLOGY IN  
PHILOSOPHY**

*Time : 3 hours*

*Maximum Marks : 100*

- Note :** (i) *Answer all five questions.*  
(ii) *All questions carry equal marks.*  
(iii) *Answers to question No. 1 and 2 should be in about 400 words each.*

1. Discuss at length the different steps involved in writing a research paper. 20

**OR**

Explain in detail the rational method of investigation with reference to Descartes. 20

2. Highlight the differences between qualitative research and quantitative research. 20

**OR**

Discuss the scientific method and explain its relevance. 20

3. Answer *any two* of the following in about **200** words each.
- (a) What is hermeneutical circle ? How is it important in research ? 10
  - (b) Discuss the criteria involved in choosing a topic for research. 10
  - (c) What do you understand by empiricism ? What are its main characteristics ? 10
  - (d) Describe the relation between philosophical and scientific method. 10
4. Answer *any four* of the following in about **150** words each.
- (a) Explain the socratic method. 5
  - (b) How do you explain 'Pre-understanding' ? 5
  - (c) What is 'language game' ? 5
  - (d) Explain hypothesis and its importance. 5
  - (e) What is 'Semantic autonomy of the text' ? Explain. 5
  - (f) Write a note on 'review of literature'. 5
5. Write short notes on *any five* of the following in about **100** words each.
- (a) Citation. 4
  - (b) Statement of thesis 4
  - (c) Appendix 4
  - (d) Synopsis 4
  - (e) Index 4
  - (f) Differance 4
  - (g) Punctuation 4
  - (h) Ibid. 4