

**M.A. EXAMINATION 2003**

for Internal Students

**PHILOSOPHY****Epistemology and Methodology**

Friday, 30 May: 10.00 - 1.00.

Answer THREE questions. Avoid overlap in your answers.

1. 'All science is reducible to physics.' Discuss.
2. 'All observation is theory-laden.' Explain this claim and its alleged ramifications.
3. Explain and contrast TWO or THREE of realism, instrumentalism and constructive empiricism.
4. 'The fact that all past flames have been hot gives no reason to believe that the next flame will be hot.' Discuss.
5. Explain and discuss Popper's solution, and/or the positivists' solution(s), to the demarcation problem.
6. Explain and discuss the ramifications of EITHER Hempel's OR Goodman's paradox.
7. Explain how probabilistic accounts of confirmation can accommodate both Popper's insight that the more severe the test the greater the "corroboration" of a theory, and the Hypothetico-deductivist's claim that a theory is confirmed by its consequences.
8. EITHER (a) 'All explanations involve laws.' Discuss.  
OR (b) 'Genuine explanations are causal.' Discuss.
9. 'Justification must stop somewhere, so foundationalism must be true.' Discuss.
10. 'Justified belief is reliably formed belief.' Discuss.
11. Critically discuss internalism and externalism about justification.
12. Do veridical perception, illusion and hallucination share a common nature?

13. 'Knowledge is justified true belief.' Discuss.

14. 'Knowledge is tracking the truth.' Discuss.

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