

12.8 ANSWERS TO CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Ans. to Q. No. 1 : Perception, inference and testimony

Ans. to Q. No. 2 : Immediate and mediate

Ans. to Q. No. 3 : According to Jaina, knowledge is divided into two kinds: Pramāna and Naya. Naya indicates Partial knowledge of different aspects of a thing.

Ans. to Q. No. 4 : The Jaina metaphysics holds that knowledge is relative. In this context it can be said that human knowledge is relative and limited regarding an innumerable characters of an object. From the metaphysical point of view this is called anekāntavāda, because an object has infinite number of characteristics.

Ans. to Q. No. 5 : a) True b) True c) True d) False

Ans. to Q. No. 6 : a) Relative b) Probable or may be c) Saptabhaginaya d) Nayabhasa.

Ans. to Q. No. 7 : This theory holds that human knowledge regarding the absolute nature of a thing is probable. It is not possible for human being to comprehend all the aspects of a thing. People can get only partial knowledge of a thing. Therefore, all judgments are relative in relation to other Judgments from different perspectives or standpoints. It is also known as the probability theory of knowledge.



12.9 MODEL QUESTIONS

A) Very Short Questions

Q.1. What are the sources of knowledge, according to Jainism?

Q.2. Mention the kinds of knowledge of Jaina system.

Q.3. Give the definition of Pramāna.

Q.4. What is artha naya, according to Jaina system?

Q.5. Write the definition of Sabda Naya.

Q.6. Simply mention the fallacy involved in Naya.

Q.7. What do you mean by the word 'Syāt' in Jaina system?

Q.8. What is 'syāt-asti' in Jaina system?

B) Short Questions (Answer each question in about 150 words)

Q.1. Briefly explain the concept of Syād-vāda.

Q.2. What is saptabhangi naya? Briefly discuss.

Q.3. Briefly comment on Jaina metaphysics.

Q.4. What do you mean by Jaina epistemology? Discuss briefly.

C) Write short notes on (Answer each question in about 150 words)

a) Jaina metaphysics

b) Jaina epistemology

c) Anekāntavāda

d) Saptabhanginaya

e) Syād-vāda

D) Long Questions (Answer each question in about 300-500 words)

Q.1. What is Jaina epistemology? Discuss.

Q.2. What is Jaina metaphysics? Discuss.

Q.3. Explain the concept of Syādvāda or saptabhanginaya.

Q.4. Is Syādvāda theory free from criticisms? Discuss.

Q.5. What is Saptabhangi Naya? Discuss.

Q.6. What is Anekāntavāda? Is there any relation between Syādvāda and anekāntavāda? Discuss.

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