

2009

M.A.

1st Semester Examination

PHILOSOPHY

PAPER — PHI-1104

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 Hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.

(Western Epistemology)

**Answer any two questions from Group—A
and one question from Group—B.**

Group—A

1. Bring out clearly the distinctions Dancy makes between types of sceptical arguments. 16
2. (a) What is Gettier problem? 4
(b) Discuss whether absence of relevant falsehood can be a condition of knowledge. 12

(Turn Over)

3. (a) How does Dancy analyse the regress argument given by the classical foundationalists? 10
(b) Discuss whether all infinite regresses are vicious. 6
4. Elucidate following J. Dancy, the distinction between the name and the scientific forms of Indirect Realism. 16

Group—B

5. Explain Lewis' view that if something is not certain then nothing else is even probable. 8
6. Explain brains in vats argument. 8
7. Write short notes on (any one) : 8
- (a) Phenomenalism.
- (b) Foundationalism.
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