

M.A. 1st Semester Examination, 2010

PHILOSOPHY

(Western Epistemology)

COURSE—PHI-104

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 hours

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

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks

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

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary

GROUP—A

1. Explain and examine the sceptical position concerning arguments from experience. 16

2. Critically discuss the tripartite definition of knowledge. 16
3. Explain clearly the distinction between :
- (a) Naive and scientific form of direct realism in the theory of perception. 8
- (b) Which form of direct realism is preferable ? Give reasons for your answer. 8
4. Discuss the anti-realist objections against the global scepticism about understanding and the global scepticism about justified belief. 16

GROUP-B

5. Explain the distinction between local and global scepticism. 8
6. How does Dancy distinguish between philosophical scepticism and two other sorts of scepticism ? 8

7. Explain the argument from error brought forward in support of sceptical conclusion.

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