

2016

M.A.

1st Semester Examination

PHILOSOPHY

PAPER—PHI-103

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 Hours

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

(Indian Epistemology)

UNIT—I

Group—A

Answer any one question.

1. (a) State and explain the first definition of perception as given by Visvanātha. 6
 - (b) Explain the necessity of definition of perception offered by him. 6
 - (c) Is this definition satisfactory? Give reasons for your answer. 4
2. Discuss the Bauddha theory of valid cognition (*samyak jñāna*) after the Nyāyabindu. 16

(Turn Over)

Group—B

Write short note on any *one* of the following.

3. Explain the Buddhist's definition of perception. 4
4. Write short note on any *one Nirvikalpaka pratyakṣa*. 4

UNIT—II**Group—A**

Answer any *one* question.

5. (a) Define *sams'aya*. 4
- (b) Explain the necessity of each term used in the definition of *sams'aya*. 6
- (c) What are the causes of *sams'aya*? Explain. 6
6. Explain and evaluate the Advaita theory of *anirvacaniya Khyāti* in detail. 16

Group—B

Answer any *one* question.

7. Distinguish between *svatahprāmānya* and *paratahprāmānya* of knowledge. 4
8. Write a short note on *Tarka*. 4

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UNIT—I

Answer any one question from Group-A & One from Group-B.

Group—A

1. (a) State the 'Brains in Vats' sceptical argument against the possibility of knowledge. 10

(Turn Over)

- (b) Is it an entirely global argument? Answer after Dancy. 6
2. (a) What is the tripartite definition of knowledge? 6
- (b) Give any two Gettier counter-examples to the tripartite account of knowledge. 10

Group—B

3. Distinguish between local and global scepticism regarding knowledge, after Dancy. 4
4. Mention the causal theory against Gettier counter-examples to the tripartite definition of knowledge. 4

UNIT—II

Answer any *one* question from Group-A & *One* from Group-B.

Group—A

5. (a) How does Kant distinguish between analytic judgement and synthetic judgement? Explain with examples. 8

- (b) Discuss A. J. Ayers objections against Kant's distinction. 8
6. Explain clearly Kant's metaphysical exposition of the concept of time. 16

Group—B

7. Explain Kant' definition of a priori knowledge. 4
8. Discuss briefly Kant's Copernican Revolution. 4
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