

2018

M.A.

1st Semester Examination

PHILOSOPHY

PAPER—PHI-104

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)

Unit-I

**Answer any one question from Group-A
and one from Group-B.**

Group-A

1. (a) State and explain 'Brains in Vats' sceptical arguments against the possibility of knowledge.
(b) Is it an entirely global argument ? Answer after Dancy. 10+6
2. (a) Distinguish between different ways in which scepticism can be raised against the possibility of knowledge.

(Turn Over)

- (b) What are the different types of sceptical arguments ?
 Answer after Dancy. 8+8

Group-B

3. What is the traditional definition of knowledge ? 4
 4. Distinguish between local and global scepticism regarding knowledge, after Dancy. 4

Unit-II

Answer any *one* question from Group-A
 and *one* from Group-B.

Group-A

5. How does Kant distinguish between analytic and synthetic judgements ? Explain with suitable examples. 16
 6. How far is the demand of Kant for bringing about Copernican Revolution in epistemology tenable ? Discuss. 16

Group-B

7. Distinguish between pure and empirical knowledge. 4
 8. Explain the metaphysical exposition of space. 4
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