

**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.*

*Answer all questions.*

***(Western Epistemology)***

**Group-A**

**1. Answer any four questions :**

**4×2**

(a) What is global scepticism ?

(b) What kind of method is the most powerful sceptical method according to Dancy ?

(c) What are basic beliefs according to foundationalism ?

*(Turn Over)*

- (d) What are analytical truths ?
- (e) Can a 'false belief' be a justified belief ?
- (f) Briefly explain the reliability approach to knowledge.
- (g) Can coherence theory of justification be a solution to the regress problems ?
- (h) Does Gettier problems show that JTB is not necessary for knowledge ? Briefly explain.

### **Group-B**

2. Answer any *four* questions :

4×4

- (a) Distinguish between local and global scepticism.
- (b) Explain the 'brain in the vat argument' as stated by Dancy.
- (c) Mention the distinction between ideas and proposition according to traditional empiricism.
- (d) Distinguish between inferential and non-inferential justification according to foundationalism.

- (e) Explain the JTB account of knowledge.
- (f) Explain the 'causal theory of knowledge' proposed by Goldman.
- (g) Explain the 'presence of relevant falsehood' as a diagnosis of the Gettier problem.
- (h) Explain the coherence theory of justification.

### Group-C

3. Answer any *two* questions : 2×8

- (a) Explain different sceptical methods as proposed by Dancy. 8
- (b) Can synthetic truth be known a priori? Answer after Dancy. 8
- (c) What are the Gettier cases? Explain. 8
- (d) Present and critically examine any two responses to Gettier's problem. 8