2013

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.

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

[Western Epistemology]

Group—A

1. (a) How does J. Dancy show that scepticism in its most interesting form always depends on an argument ?

　(b) Explain the sceptical argument about *brains in vats.*

   8+8

2. (a) State and explain the Gettier Counter example to the traditional definition of knowledge.

　(b) Explain the proposed causal supplement to the traditional definition of knowledge.

   8+8

(Turn Over)

3. (a) Bring out clearly the main arguments for indirect realism in the theory of perception.

   (b) Discuss the sceptical objection against indirect realism.

8+8

4. Give a clear account of the regress argument for classical foundationalism.

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Group—B

5. How does J. Dancy distinguish local scepticism from global scepticism ? Why does he hold that local scepticism tends to become global ?

4+4

6. Write a short note on the direct realist account of perceptual error.

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7. Explain C. I. Lewis' view that unless something is certain nothing is even probable.

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