

2022

1st Semester Examination

PHILOSOPHY

Paper : PHI 104

(Western Epistemology)

Full Marks : 40

Time : Two Hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.
Candidates are required to give their answers
in their own words as far as practicable.*

Answer any **four** of the following : 5×4=20

1. (a) What is global scepticism?
(b) Distinguish between local and global scepticism. 2+3
2. (a) What is the tripartite definition of knowledge?
(b) Explain the necessity of the conditions stated in the definition. 2+3
3. Explain any one counter example given by Gettier against the traditional definition of knowledge. 5
4. Write a note on the problem of infinite regress in the context of justification. 5

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5. What is reductionism about knowledge from testimony? Briefly discuss.
6. What is the argument from elimination to establish the existence of justified basic belief? Explain.

Answer any *two* of the following $10 \times 2 = 20$

7. Explain any one example of local sceptical argument against the possibility of knowledge.
 8. Write a short note on any one of the responses towards Gettier counter example.
 9. What is foundationalist theory of justification? What are the differences between classical foundationalism and modest foundationalism? Elucidate. $4+6$
 10. What is coherence? How is it different from the notion of consistency? What is coherence theory of justification? $(2+2+6)$
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