

**2011**

**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 )**

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

**Group—A**

1. What are the two principles that Gettier assumes in arguing that knowledge is not merely justified true belief? Give the Counter-examples and explain how he shows this ?6+10

*(Turn Over)*

2. (a) Explain the 'Brain-in rat' argument as expressing sceptic attitude towards knowledge.
- (b) Is this argument successful in showing that acquisition of knowledge is impossible? Justify your answer. 12+4
3. 'Nothing can be both a Cow and a Horse in the same respect and at the same time' — what sort of knowledge is this? Discuss after J. Dancy. 16
4. Critically discuss the arguments brought forward in support of the indirect realist position in the theory of perception. 16

### Group—B

5. Write a short note on the necessary and sufficient conditions of knowing that something is the case. 8
6. Write a short note on 'The Principle of Closure'. 8
7. Write a short note on 'Foundationalism'. 8
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