

**M.A. 1st Semester Examination, 2012**

**PHILOSOPHY**

*( Western Epistemology )*

PAPER – PHI- 104

*Full Marks :40*

*Time : 2 hours*

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

*The figures in the right hand margin indicate marks*

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their  
own words as far as practicable*

*Illustrate the answers wherever necessary*

**GROUP – A**

1. Discuss after J. Dancy how the argument from error leads to the sceptical conclusion.

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2. (a) State the tripartite definition of knowledge. 8
- (b) What are the problems for the tripartite definition of knowledge? Discuss. 8
3. Are our beliefs about our present sensory states infallible? Discuss critically according to classical foundationalism. 16
4. (a) Explain clearly the distinction between naive direct realism and scientific direct realism as theories of perception. 8
- (b) Why does Dancy hold that naive direct realism is stronger than the scientific form? 8

#### GROUP -B

5. How does Dancy distinguish philosophical scepticism from other two sorts of scepticism? 8
6. How does Hume show that there is a clear weakness in our attempt to use an argument from experience to justify all arguments from experience? 8

7. Write a short note on the argument from the presence of Relevant Falsehood (response to Gettier counter-examples).

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