

M.A. 1st Semester Examination, 2023

PHILOSOPHY

(*Western Epistemology*)

PAPER – PHI-104

Full Marks : 50

Time : 2 hours

Answer **all** questions

The figures in the right hand margin indicate marks

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

GROUP—A

Answer any *two* of the following : 10 × 2

1. “Do we have any knowledge of events which we have not experienced or are not now experiencing?”—Explain with example after Dancy against the tripartite definition of knowledge.

2. Write a short note on the responses that 'the fact that p should cause a 's (subject) belief that p ' towards Gettier counter example.
3. Why does the proposition 'nothing is both red and green all over at one time' is not considered as analytic ? Explain after Kant.
4. What is classical foundationalism ? What are the objections against it ? 5 + 5

GROUP – B

Answer any *four* questions from the following :

5. Why does Dancy think that a sceptic who responds to every assertion with the question 'How do you know that ?' is not presenting an interesting philosophical position ? Explain with examples. 5 × 4
6. 'To believe that p is not so strong as to be certain that p ' – State the reason behind this statement after Dancy.

7. What is synthetic proposition ? Explain with an example.
8. Why is it said that a priori propositions are independent of experience ?
9. Can testimonial knowledge be reduced to inferential knowledge ? Briefly discuss.
10. What is coherence theory of justification ? Briefly explain.

[Internal Assessment – 10 Marks]
