M. A. 1st Semester Examination, 2024

PHILOSOPHY

(*Western Epistemology*)

PAPER — PHIL-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** questions of the following :

10×2

1. How should we map *Brains in Vats* argument using the distinction of local scepticism and global scepticism ? Explain in brief after Dancy.

2. Define knowledge as *justified true belief* with examples.

3. Write a short note on *The Presence of Relevant Falsehood* towards Gettier counter example.

4. Explain the regress argument regarding justification and how the concept of 'justified basic beliefs' addresses it.   3 + 7

GROUP—B

Answer any **four** questions of the following :
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5. Why does Dancy think that a sceptic who claims to have higher evidential standards than the rest of us is not presenting a consistent argument ? Explain with examples.

6. Why does Dancy think that this may be an advantage if local scepticism tends to collapse into global scepticism ? Discuss.

7. Give any one counter–example to the tripartite account of knowledge which is known as a *Gettier counter*-example.

8. Distinguish between *synthetic* and *analytic* propositions with examples.

9. What does it mean to claim that beliefs about one's own mental states are non-inferentially justified ? Explain.

10. Analyse the roles of deductive and inductive inference in the modest foundationalist account of justification.

[Internal Assessment — 10 Marks]

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