PG Even Semester Examination, September, 2023

PHILOSOPHY

(2nd Semester)

Course No.: PHICC-202(O)

[Epistemology (Western)]

Full Marks: 70

Pass Marks: 28

Time: 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

Answer any five questions, taking one from each unit.

UNIT-I

1. What are the different senses of 'knows'? Explain with illustrations. 14

2. How is knowledge defined? Examine the traditional account of knowledge. 4+10

UNIT-II

3. What is 'Gettier problem'? What are the objections Gettier brings against the traditional account of knowledge? 4+10

4. Critically examine the contemporary responses to Gettier's contention that knowledge is not always Justified True Belief. 14

UNIT-III

5. Define foundationalism. Distinguish between basic belief and non-basic belief with suitable illustrations. 4+10

6. What makes a body of beliefs coherent? Explain and examine the coherence theory of justification. 4+10

UNIT-IV

7. What is Scepticism? What are the major arguments sceptics bringing against the possibility of knowledge? 4+10

8. How do we acquire knowledge about other minds? What are the problems related to this kind of knowledge? 14

UNIT-V

9. Explicate Popper's notion of three worlds. 14

10. Write a critical note on Social Epistemology. 14

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