

M.A. Examination, 2014

Semester – I

Philosophy

Paper : IV

Epistemology (Western)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 40

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin.

Answer Question No. 6 and **any three** from the rest.

1. State and explain the conditions for S's knowing that P as found in traditional epistemology. 10
 2. Construct a Gettier-like case without using the deductive step involved in it. 10
 3. Distinguish between basic and non-basic beliefs and give different accounts of basic beliefs. 2+8=10
 4. Critically explain coherentism as a theory of justification of knowledge. 10
 5. How does Quine show that definition does not hold the key to synonymy and analyticity? Discuss. 10
 6. Write short notes on **any two** of the following: 5×2=10
 - (a) Belief independent reliable process.
 - (b) Distinction between philosophical and scientific skepticism.
 - (c) Defeater.
 - (d) The relation between truth and justification.
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