

M. A. 2nd Semester Examination, 2021

Philosophy

Course Code: MAPHIL 203C

Subject: Philosophy

Course ID: 20653

Course Title: Western Epistemology

Full Marks: 40

Time: 2 Hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

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

A. Answer any two of the following questions: 12x2=24

1. (a) Explain different kinds of knowledge? 'Epistemology is concerned with a particular kind of knowledge' –briefly explain.
(b) What is 'the standard analysis' of knowledge, according to Michael Williams? State and explain the basic form of 'the standard analysis' of knowledge? (3+2)+(3+4)
2. (a) State the first example as mentioned in the article 'Is Justified True Belief Knowledge?' after E. Gettier.
(b) How does he argue that JTB is not sufficient for knowledge? 6+6
3. (a) What is the main ground of the debate between the internalism-externalism in western epistemology?
(b) Critically state any one reason in favour of internalism and one reason in favour of externalism. 4+4+4
4. (a) What is infallible foundationalism?
(b) Give a critical account for foundationalism as a theory of epistemic justification. 4+8

B. Write short note on any four of the following: 4X4=16

1. Local and global Scepticism
2. Philosophical Scepticism
3. The classical Pyrrhonian Scepticism
4. D.M Armstrong's Reliabilism
5. Coherentism
6. The Problem of demarcation in epistemology as discussed by Michael Williams
7. Belief
8. Certainty