



'समानो मन्त्रः समितिः समानी'

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL

B.A. Honours 4th Semester Examination, 2023

SEC1-P2-PHILOSOPHY

CRITICAL THINKING

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 60

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

SECTION-I

1. Answer any **four** questions from the following: 3×4 = 12
- (a) What is the distinction between knowledge and belief? 3
- (b) Is Philosophy mysticism? 3
- (c) In what sense, R. B. Das himself is a philosopher? 3
- (d) What is *Jalpa*? 3
- (e) What is *āhāryajñāna*? 3
- (f) What type of cognition is *Tarka*? 3

SECTION-II

2. Answer any **four** of the following: 6×4 = 24
- (a) Explain the role of philosophy as a method of critical thinking. 6
- (b) State the arguments put forth by R. B. Das against idealism. 6
- (c) What are the different modes of consciousness? Discuss in brief. 6
- (d) Explain the definition of *vitaṇḍā* according to *Nyāya Darśana*. 6
- (e) Explain, in brief, different types of *Samśaya*. 6
- (f) Is *Tarka* a Promoter to a *Pramāṇa*? Discuss. 6

SECTION-III

3. Answer any **two** of the following: 12×2 = 24
- (a) Explain, following R. B. Das, Philosophy as critical thinking. 12
- (b) What is self-knowledge? What kind of difficulty may arise in case of self-knowledge? 2+10
- (c) Discuss 'Samśaya' after *Nyāya-Darśana*. 12
- (d) Distinguish between *Vāda* (discussion) and *Vitaṇḍā* (cavil). 12

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