UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL

B.A. Honours 5th Semester Examination, 2024

CC12-PHILOSOPHY

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) Can definition be true or false?   3

   (b) What is Lexical definition?   3

   (c) What is mean by 'Vagueness of a word'?   3

   (d) What is Self-Contradictory sentence? Give an example.   2+1

   (e) What is knowledge by acquaintance?   3

   (f) Examine whether the following sentences are meaningful or not: $1\frac{1}{2}+1\frac{1}{2}$

       (i) Elephant can fly.

       (ii) Saturday is sleeping.

SECTION-II

2. Answer any *four* questions of the following: 6×4 = 24

   (a) What is definition? What is definition by denotation?   2+4

   (b) Distinguish between synthetic and analytic propositions after Hospers.   6

   (c) Distinguish between knowledge and belief.   6

   (d) What is word? Is a word ambiguous by itself?   6

   (e) What are the difference between 'false' and 'meaningless' sentence?   6

   (f) Distinguish between necessary and sufficient conditions of definition.   6

SECTION-III

3. Answer any *two* questions of the following: 12×2 = 24

   (a) What are the distinction between Conventional sign and Natural sign? Can be a   4+8
       word be used as Conventional sign and Natural sign at a time? Briefly discuss.

   (b) What is knowledge? Explain the conditions of propositional knowledge.   2+10

   (c) What is Ostensive definition? Explain why is it regarded as the most fundamental 6+6
       kind of definition?

   (d) State and explain the different criteria for sentence meaning.   12

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