



UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL
B.A. Honours 4th Semester Examination, 2024

SEC1-P2-PHILOSOPHY

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 60

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

SECTION-I

1. Answer any *four* questions of the following: 3×4 = 12
- (a) What is critical thinking, according to R. B. Das? 3
 - (b) Who is a 'philosopher' in the true sense of the term, according to R. B. Das? 3
 - (c) Define knowledge following R. B. Das. 3
 - (d) What is truth? 3
 - (e) Define *Tarka*. 3
 - (f) Who is *Vādi* and *Prativādi*? 3

SECTION-II

2. Answer any *four* questions of the following: 6×4 = 24
- (a) Explain, following R. B. Das, the value of scepticism in the enterprise of knowledge. 6
 - (b) Distinguish, following R. B. Das, between consciousness and knowledge. 6
 - (c) What is the legitimacy of raising the question: "Is knowledge possible"? 6
 - (d) Write a note on Practical Idealism. 6
 - (e) How is *Jalpa* different from *Vāda*? 6
 - (f) Explain the *lakṣaṇa* of *Vitandā* as explained in *Nyāya Darśana*. 6

SECTION-III

3. Answer any *two* questions of the following: 12×2 = 24
- (a) What is the utility of philosophy in our practical life? Explain following R. B. Das. 12
 - (b) Explain, following R. B. Das, philosophy as critical reflection. 12
 - (c) What are the arguments put forward by R. B. Das in favour of the possibility of self-knowledge? 12
 - (d) Explain the five types of *Tarka*. 12