

Wednesday 1 February 2017

Time: One Hour

Marks: 25

Answer Question No. 3 and Either Question No. 1 or Question No. 2

1. When, in the context of building the argument for scepticism against our knowledge of the external world, Thomas Nagel says that "the inside of your own mind is the only thing you can be sure of."

(a) What is the criterion of *being sure* that he is implying in that remark?

(b) Why is the existence of anything else than what is "inside of your own mind," including your own body, such that you *cannot* be sure of? [12 Marks]

OR

2. When Nagel speaks of the skeptic's view that, "if there is [the external world], it may or may not be completely different from how it seems to you," he adds that "there is no way for you to tell" which one is actually the case? that is, (completely different or not different at all.)

Why is there no way for you to tell the difference? [12 Marks]

*perceive*

3. Why does Nagel bring in the discussion of Solipsism in discussing the fundamental epistemological question of *how we know anything?*

[13 Marks]

*Believe. Believe*