

2016

M.A.

3rd Semester Examination

PHILOSOPHY

PAPER—PHI-302

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 Hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

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

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.

(Western Philosophy of Language)

Unit-I

Group-A

Answer any one question.

1. Explain Frege's arguments for admitting the distinction between sense and meaning (reference) of a proper name.

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2. (a) How does Russell argue that a definite description is not a proper name ?

- (b) Why does he maintain that an ordinary proper name is a disguised description ? Explain clearly. 8+8

(Turn Over)

Group-B

Answer any *one* question.

3. Explain, after Frege, the distinction between customary meaning and indirect meaning. 4
4. What is a speech act? Explain briefly with an example. 4

Unit-II**Group-A**

Answer any *one* question.

5. (a) What are the reasons behind Wittgenstein's claim that a picture is a model of reality? Explain with reference to the *Tractatus*.
(b) How does a picture represent its sense? 10+6
6. Explain, with examples, Wittgenstein's arguments against Augustine's conception of language. 16

Group-B

Answer any *one* question.

7. Explain the following statement after Wittgenstein's *TLP*:
"States of affairs are independent of one another." 4
8. Can the ostensive teaching of words be said to establish an association between the word and the thing by creating the mental picture of the object before the child's mind? Answer after Wittgenstein's *PI*. 4