

2011**M.A.****2nd Semester Examination****PHILOSOPHY****PAPER—PHI-203***Full Marks : 40**Time : 2 Hours*

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks.

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

[Western Metaphysics]

Answer any two questions from Group—A
and one question from Group—B.

Group—A

1. (a) What is Metaphysics? Answer after Hamlyn.
(b) Explain the following concept after Taylor :
 - (i) The need for Metaphysics ;
 - (ii) The need of Metaphysics. 4+8+4
2. What is substance? Analyse Aristotle's view of substance after Hamlyn. 4+12
3. Discuss critically the doctrine of mind body interactionism. 16

(Turn Over)

4. (a) What are the two traditional ways of formulating the problem of universals?
(b) Explain and examine Plato's realist solution of this problem. 6+10

Group—B

5. Show the distinction between revisionary and descriptive Metaphysics following Hamlyn. 8
6. Show, following Taylor, that the cause and effect relationship is a relationship between changes of state. 8
7. (a) Explain how the distinction between universals and particulars is formulated in linguistic terms.
(b) How does F. Ramsey criticise this formulation?
(c) What are the responses to Ramsey's objection? 3+2+3
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