

2022

M.A.

2nd Semester Examination (CCAЕ)

PHILOSOPHY

PAPER—PHI-202

WESTERN METAPHYSICS

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.*

Answer any four questions.

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1. What is the problem of personhood?
2. Give an example of causal connection between two events.
3. In what sense the problems of metaphysics are basic?
4. What is numerical identity?
5. What is realism regarding universals?
6. What is nominalism regarding universals?

(Turn Over)

Answer any *four* questions.

4×4

7. "... , as changes of state can be related as causes and effects, so can persistence of state" — explain after Richard Taylor.
8. Write a short note on the evidential problem of personal identity.
9. Critically explain the memory criterion of personal identity.
10. Draw the distinction between love and nature following Taylor.
11. Explain Aristotle's view regarding the universals of fictitious entities.
12. Mention any one argument for the acceptance of universals.

Answer any *two* questions.

2×8

13. Discuss Richard Taylor's view of personal identity.
14. "Effects cannot precede their causes in time" — explain this view of Taylor.
15. Discuss the differences between Descriptive and Revisionary metaphysics following Hamlyn.
16. Explain and critically examine class nominalism.