

**M.A. 2nd Semester Examination, 2023**

**PHILOSOPHY**

*(Western Metaphysics )*

PAPER – PHI-202

*Full Marks : 40*

*Time : 2 hours*

*The figures in the right hand margin indicate marks*

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

- A. Answer any *four* questions of the following : 5 × 4
1. Explain the Aristotle's theory of substance. 5
  2. What is universal ? Write a short note on realism and nominalism. 2 + 3
  3. Explain the concept of wisdom as a necessity of Metaphysics. 5

*( Turn Over )*

4. Distinguish between essential properties and accidental properties of substance after Aristotle. 5
5. Can causes and effects occur contemporaneously? Give answer after Hamlyn. 5
6. What is the memory-character theory of personal identity? 5
- B. Answer any *two* of the following : 10 × 2
7. (a) Is there any necessary connection of causes to their effects? Explain after Hamlyn.
- (b) "A and B are constantly conjoined in our experience" – Do you agree with this view? Explain after Hamlyn. 5 + 5
8. (a) What is the difference between anti-essentialist and ultra-essentialist?
- (b) How the Aristotelian theory of substance does make a middle ground of these two concepts? 5 + 5

9. Explain after Aristotle's view that persons too are substances. 10
10. Describe causes as changes of things and not things (substances) themselves after Hamlyn. 10
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