

M.A. 3rd Semester Examination 2010

PHILOSOPHY

(Western Philosophy of Language)

COURSE No. — 2-1-02

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 hours

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

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks

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

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary

GROUP—A

1. Discuss different criteria formulated by Austin to isolate a performative utterance from a constative utterance.

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(Turn Over)

2. How does Frege make the crucial distinction between sense and reference of a name? Answer fully. 16
3. (a) Bring out clearly Russell's arguments for the distinction between a proper name and a definite description. 6
- (b) How does Russell show that his analyses of sentences containing definite descriptions solve some logical puzzles. 10
4. (a) What does G. Ryle mean by 'systematically misleading expression'? 4
- (b) Why does Ryle hold that all quasi-ontological statements are systematically misleading expressions? 12

GROUP—B

5. How does Wittgenstein criticize the Augustinian picture of language in his *Philosophical Investigations*? 8

6. Discuss Phonetic, Phatic or Rhetic acts that are involved in Locutionary acts. 8
7. Is it true that when we are performing a locutionary act, we also perform an illocutionary act? Discuss after Austin. 8
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