

**M. A. 2nd Semester Examination, 2025**

**PHILOSOPHY**

*( Western Metaphysics )*

PAPER — PHI-202

*Full Marks : 50*

*Time : 2 hours*

**Answer all questions**

*The figures in the right hand margin indicate marks*

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

**GROUP—A**

**Answer any four of the following : 5 × 4**

- 1. Examine, after Hamlyn, that metaphysics is the study of what lies beyond the physical.**

*( Turn Over )*

2. What are the key differences between anti-essentialism and ultra-essentialism ? Explain with reference to Michael Loux.
3. Write a short note on two concepts of metaphysics as presented by Hamlyn.
4. Why does Taylor think that effects are changes of things and not things themselves ?
5. Does gradual replacement of matter destroy identity ? Answer after Swinburne.
6. (a) What is actual memory ?  
(b) How does it differ from hypothetical memory ? 2 + 3

**GROUP - B**

Answer any two of the following : 10 × 2

7. Critically explain Aristotle's theory of substance.

8. (a) What is a universal ?

(b) Discuss the concept of realism in relation to universals. 2 + 8

9. State the major objections to any memory theory of personal identity arising from the possibility of duplication.

10. Critically explain, after Taylor, whether the idea of similarity can clarify the idea of constant conjunction regarding causation.

**[ Internal Assessment — 10 Marks ]**

