

**NEW**

**2016**

**M.A.**

**2nd Semester Examination**

**PHILOSOPHY (*Western Metaphysics*)**

**PAPER—PHI-204**

*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.*

Answer any *one* question from Group—A and any *one* question from Group—B from each unit.

**UNIT—I**

**Group—A**

1. Discuss critically the metaphysical realist view that predicates name universals.
2. (a) Explain the nominalist criticism of the realist notion of multiple exemplification.  
(b) Bring out clearly the nominalist criticism that realists fail to provide satisfactory identity conditions for Universals.

*(Turn Over)*

- (c) Explain the realist replies to those criticisms. 5+5+(3+3)

Or

How does Hamlyn show that P.F. Strawson has distinguished between description and revisionary metaphysics in a very misleading way? 16

**Group—B**

3. How does Hamlyn show that there are lines of Continuity between Kant's 'Critical Philosophy' and Aristotle's Metaphysics? 4
4. How many types of universals do realists admit? Explain with examples. 4

**UNIT—II**

**Group—A**

5. Explain with examples the nature of laws of nature following R. Taylor. 16
6. Discuss any two problems of personal identity. Illustrate in this regard the persistence question. 4+12

**Group—B**

7. What are the main objections against regularity view of causation? 4
8. Briefly discuss the materialistic view of personal identity. 4