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**2016**

**M.A.**

**2nd Semester Examination**

**PHILOSOPHY (Western Metaphysics)**

**PAPER—PHI-203**

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

**Group—A**

1. Explain and examine the theory of psychophysical parallelism as an account of mind-body relation. 16

*Or*

Discuss critically the epiphenomenalist account of mind-body relation. 16

*(Turn Over)*

2. 'The window was shattered by a brick' — Explain the view of general people about Causal Connection following the statement. Why does Richard Taylor differ from that view? Discuss. 16
3. Do you think that the laws of nature are based on necessary Causal Connections? Discuss after R. Taylor. 16
4. Discuss critically the nominalist analysis of sameness of type in terms of (i) the idea of resemblance and (ii) the idea of belonging to a class. 8+8

**Group—B**

5. In what sense are there Causal Connections in unchanging states of substances? Discuss after R. Taylor. 8
  6. Discuss briefly Descartes' theory of mind-body relation. 8
  7. How many types of universals are admitted by the realists? Explain with examples. 8
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