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M.A.

2nd Semester Examination

PHILOSOPHY (*Western Metaphysics*)

PAPER—PHI-202

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. (a) What are the main features of traditional metaphysics ? How do these features demarcate traditional metaphysics from other forms of enquiry ? Discuss.   8

(b) What are the two different accounts of metaphysics given by Aristotle ? Explain in brief.   8

2. Why does the nominalist deny that there are universals ? Explain with examples.   16

Group—B

3. What are the different kinds of universals ? Answer after Realism.   4

4. Discuss briefly the different forms of nominalism.   4

UNIT—II

Group—A

5. (a) Why does Taylor think that the cause-and-effect relationship between the substances is only indirect ?

   (b) Discuss in this regard, the nature of the relation of causes to their effects.   4+12

6. (a) Write an essay on Personal Identity.

   (b) What should be the ideal criterion of personal identity ? Give reason for your answer.   10+6

Group—B

7. Explain the relation between causation and time.   4

8. Briefly discuss the persistence question regarding personal identity.   4

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