

2019

M.A.

2nd Semester Examination

PHILOSOPHY

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.

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.

1) Answer any four questions out of the following.

(2×4)=8

- i) Briefly explain Aristotle's versions of realism concerning universal. 2
- ii) Explain Aristotle's conception of substance. 2
- iii) Critically explain Jhon Lock's account of substance. 2
- iv) Explain the physical continuity approach to personal identity. 2
- v) What are the two types of inquiries in metaphysics? 2
- vi) What does metaphysics offer as a reward ? 2
- vii) What are we asserting when we say that certain things are related as causes and effects ? – Answer in brief. 2
- viii) How is the idea of 'constant conjunction' related to the theory of causation ? 2

2) Answer any four questions out of the following.

4 X 4

- i) Outline some of the general ideas in metaphysics. 4
- ii) How does metaphysics investigate into the nature of existence? 4
- iii) What are the difficulties to incorporate the idea of law of nature into the description of causal connection ? Explain after Richard Taylor. 4
- iv) Describe nature of causes, write an example, as necessary and sufficient conditions 4
- v) Explain the psychological continuity approach to personal identity. 4
- vi) Suppose Gautam's memories are erased and replaced with accurate memories of the life of someone long dead – Rabindranath Tagore, say. Ought we to conclude, on the basis of memory evidence, that the resulting person is not Gautam but Rabindranath Tagore brought back to life? Or ought we hold that he is simply Gautam with memory loss? Discuss. 4
- vii) Would you consider Plato's view on universals as a realist position? – Explain 4
- viii) Which view regarding universal is affected by the third 'man argument'? Briefly explain. 4

- 1) Answer any two questions out of the following. 8 x 2
- i) Why does Taylor hold that wisdom is the reward of Metaphysics? 8
- ii) Effects cannot precede their causes in time – Explain after Taylor. 8
- iii) What are the philosophical problems related to universals? Explain 8
- iv) Explain and critically examine the debate between realism and anti-realism. 8