

2014

M.A.

2nd Semester Examination

PHILOSOPHY

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 *one* question from Group—B.

Group—A

1. Discuss after A. J. Ayer the difficulties involved in an attempt to explain what philosophy is. 16
2. Is it possible to give an intelligible account of this world without making any reference to substance? Answer after D W. Hamlyn. 16
3. Explain and examine P. F. Strawson's theory of person. 16
4. Discuss critically the nominalist account of universal. 16

(Turn Over)

Group—B

Answer any *one* question

5. "The cause-and-effect relationship, therefore, is a relationship between changes of state or, sometimes, persistences of state" — Discuss after Taylor. 8
 6. How does A. J. Ayer distinguish between the weak sense and the strong sense of the term 'verifiable'? 8
 7. Write a short note on psychophysical interactionism. 8
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