

2022

M.A.

2nd Semester Examination

PHILOSOPHY

PAPER—PHI-202

WESTERN METAPHYSICS

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 Hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*

*Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.*

Answer any four questions.

4×2

1. What is substance ?

2. What is resemblance nominalism ?

(Turn Over)

3. What is trop nominalism ?
4. Provide an example after Taylor to show that causes are changes of things, and not things themselves.
5. Define the notion of necessary in terms of impossibility in connection with causation.
6. What is called bodily theory of personal identity ?

Answer any *four* questions.

4×4

7. Write a critical note on the differences between Plato's and Aristotle's views on universals.
8. What is 'third man argument'? Briefly explain.
9. Briefly explain the objections to Predicate nominalism.

10. Explain the notion of cause as necessary and sufficient conditions.
11. According to Taylor, what are the criticisms to the account of causation as constant conjunction between two events?
12. Distinguish between substances and properties according to Aristotle.

Answer any *two* questions. 2×8

13. (a) Explain the realism and anti-realism debate regarding universals.

(b) What are the different kinds of realisms?

5+3

14. (a) Discuss class nominalism.

(b) What are the objections to class nominalism?

4+4

15. Explain following Taylor, the relation between causation and time.
16. Give an account of the brain theory of personal identity.
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