

M.A. 3rd Semester Examination 2019 (2018-2020) (CBCS)

Subject : Philosophy

Paper : 302

Time: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 40

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

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

Answer any four questions.

10×4=40

1. What is descriptive metaphysics, according to Strawson? How does he differentiate it from revisionary metaphysics? Discuss. 4+6=10
2. Why does Aristotle consider substance as prior to other categories? Explain, in this connection, his view on substance. 4+6=10
3. Why does Ryle describe the cartesian dualism as 'the official doctrine'? Why does he think that the doctrine involves the idea *ghost in the machine*? Explain and illustrate. 2+8=10
4. How does Wittgenstein argue against the view that self-knowledge is necessarily private? — Discuss. 10
5. What does Strawson mean by P-predicates? Explain the logical characteristics of P-predicates. 4+6=10
6. Explain the No-ownership doctrine of self. Discuss Strawson's reactions against the doctrine. 6+4=10
7. How does Quine argue against essentialism? Discuss. 10
8. Write notes on the following: 5+5=10
 - (a) The possibility of a science of being-qua-being.
 - (b) Basic particulars