

**M. A. 4<sup>th</sup> Semester Examination, 2021**

**Philosophy**

**Course Code: MAPHIL 402C**

**Subject: Philosophy**

**Course ID: 40652**

**Course Title: Western Philosophy of Language (OLD)**

**Full Marks: 40**

**Time: 2 Hours**

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.  
Candidates are requested to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*

**A. Answer any two of the following questions: 12x2=24**

1. What is the philosophical problem concerning negative existential sentences? How does Russell resolve the problem? Discuss. 4+8
2. State and explain the concepts of *object*, *world* and their relation following *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus*. 4+4+4
3. (a) Give an account of Russell's theory of definite description.  
(b) How does Russell distinguish between definite description and indefinite description? Explain. 8+4
4. Explain the use theory of meaning following *Philosophical Investigations*.

**B. Write short note on any four of the following: 4x4=16**

1. Reference of a sentence (according to Frege)
2. Proper name (according to Russell)
3. 'A logical picture of facts is a thought'
4. Proportional attitude
5. Puzzle of Identity
6. Elementary proposition
7. Frege's notion of object
8. Family resemblance