

M. A. 4th Semester Examination, 2021

Philosophy

Course Code: MAPHIL 402C

Subject: Philosophy

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Course Title: Philosophy of Language (Western)

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