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P.G. Semester-IV Examination, 2023 PHILOSOPHY

Course ID: 40652 Course Code: MA/PHIL/402/C Course Title: Philosophy of Language (Western)

Time: 2 Hours Full Marks: 40

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.

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

1. Answer any **two** of the following questions:

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- a) i) Explain the puzzle of identity after Frege.
 - ii) How does Frege solve this problem?
 Discuss. 8+4
- b) Why, and how does Wittgenstein identify the meaning of words with their uses in the Investigation? Explain. 6+6
- c) Are ordinary proper names really distinguish definite descriptions? Explain after Russell.

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d) i) Clearly explain, Wittgenstein's notion of 'object'.

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- ii) Why he accepted object as a substance of the World?
- 2. Write short notes on any **four** of the following:

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- a) Reference of a sentence according to Frege
- b) "The world is a totality of facts, not of things."
- c) Definite and indefinite description
- d) Oblique context
- e) Distinction between object and atomic fact
- f) Family resemblance
- g) Rejection of 'the picture theory of meaning'
- h) The problem of negative existentials
