

M.A. Examination, 2015

Semester – II

Philosophy

Paper : VIII

(Analytic Philosophy)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 40

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin.

Answer *any four* questions

1. Critically analyse the proposed definition of philosophy as it is found in G.E. Moore's 'What is Philosophy'. 10

or

What is the reference of an indicative sentence according to Frege? – Explain with examples. 10

2. What is Russell's way of understanding sentences with non-referential singular term? – Discuss fully. 10

3. Explain at least two senses of Analyticity discussed by Quine in "Two Dogmas...". How does he demonstrate ambiguity in the sense of the term 'analytic' in each case. 5+5=10

4. What is Putnam's interpretation of "Two Dogmas"? Discuss in this connection Putnam's proposal for new approach to Analytic Philosophy. 6+4=10

5. Discuss the idea of 'family resemblance'. How, according to Wittgenstein, can it be used to solve philosophical problems? 6+4=10

6. Write short notes on *any two* of the following: 5+5

- (a) Language games.
 - (b) Negative existential sentences.
 - (c) Distinction between direct & indirect speech.
 - (d) Semantic concept of meaning.
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