

**M.A. Examination, 2015**  
**Semester – IV**  
**Philosophy**  
**Paper : XII (Optional)**  
**Metaphysics Contemporary (Western)**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**Full Marks: 40**

*Questions are of value as indicated in the margin.*

Answer **any four** questions

1. What are possible worlds? How is the notion of a possible world related to our pre-philosophical modal beliefs? Discuss. 5+5=10
  2. What is an extensional language? Discuss how the introduction of modal notions convert an extensional context into a non-extensional context. 5+5=10
  3. How does Loux distinguish between endurantism and perdurantism. How is endurantism related to presentism? Explain. 7+3=10
  4. What are the features of eternalism? Why does the eternalist adopt tenseless language? Explain. 6+4=10
  5. Explain and examine the nominalist attack on the notion of proposition. 10
  6. Discuss how temporal asymmetry is involved in the structure of time itself. 10
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