B.A. Examination 2023
Philosophy
Semester – VI
Paper- CC14
Western Metaphysics

Time: 3 hours | Full Marks: 60

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin.
Answer **any four** questions from the following

1. What is an emergent property? Explain with the help of a suitable example. Give an account of a metaphysical speculation regarding the origin of emergent properties 4+11

2. Explain why traditional metaphysical speculations are regarded as contingent. 15

3. Present the argument involving abstract reference in favour of the realist theory of universals. How does the nominalist counter the argument? Discuss. 9+6

4. Explain with the help of suitable examples the idea of cause as necessary and sufficient conditions. 15

5. How does Hume try to show that there cannot be any necessary connection between cause and effect? Discuss. 15

6. What are the main objections against the theory of psycho-physical interactionism? How do the proponents of the theory reply to their critics? Discuss. 9+6