1. ‘This proposition, I am, I exist, is necessarily true whenever it is put forward by me or conceived in my mind’. (Descartes) What is meant by this claim, and what role does it have in the overall argument of the Meditations?

2. 'I will suppose...some malicious demon of the utmost power and cunning has employed all his energies in order to deceive me. I shall think that the sky, the air, the earth, colours, shapes, sounds and all external things are merely...delusions.' (Descartes, Meditation I). What is the point of supposing this? What function does this hypothesis serve in the argument of the First Meditation?

3. ‘There must be at least as much reality in the efficient and total cause as in the effect of that cause’. Explain and briefly assess this principle; and evaluate the meditator’s use of it in arguing for the existence of God, in the Third Meditation.

4. If God exists, and he is not a deceiver, then how do I ever make mistakes? Explain and assess Descartes’s response to this question in the Fourth Meditation.