

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IA

Wednesday 1 June 2005

9 to 12

Paper 4

SET TEXTS

Answer **four** questions only, which must be chosen from **at least two sections**.

Write the number of the question at the beginning of each answer. If you are answering the either/or questions, indicate the letter as well.

STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS

20 Page Answer Book x 1

Rough Work Pad

**You may not start to read the questions
printed on the subsequent pages of this
question paper until instructed that you
may do so by the Invigilator**

SECTION A

- 1 What conditions does Socrates expect a good definition to meet? Is he right to impose them?
- 2 **Either** (a) Does the theory of recollection give rise to an infinite regress? If so, is it vicious?
Or (b) 'The slave boy demonstration can tell us nothing about moral learning, because it is concerned only with geometry.' Discuss.
- 3 Why does Socrates think that virtue is knowledge? Is the thesis paradoxical?
- 4 What does the Anytus episode contribute to the argument of the *Meno* as a whole?

SECTION B

- 5 Is Hobbes' description of the state of nature a convincing one?
- 6 The Foole alleges that failing to keep a covenant is not against reason, when it conduces to one's benefit. Does Hobbes answer him effectively?
- 7 Are Hobbes' so-called 'laws of nature' really laws of nature?
- 8 Discuss Hobbes' claim that 'the rights and consequences of sovereignty' are the same in a commonwealth by acquisition as they are in a commonwealth by institution.

SECTION C

- 9 'It is a mistake to identify any of the characters in his *Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion* with Hume himself.' Is it?
- 10 How do Hume's views on causality feature in Philo's objections to the argument from design?
- 11 State Demea's version of the cosmological argument. Does Cleanthes provide an adequate response to it?
- 12 Critically discuss Philo's view of the effects of religious belief on human behaviour.

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