

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IA

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FOR PART IB OF THE PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS

Friday 26 May 2000

9 to 12

Paper 1

METAPHYSICS AND PHILOSOPHY OF MIND

Answer **four** questions only.

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

- 1 Do we need to suppose that properties exist as well as particulars?
- 2 If there is no ontological difference between past, present, and future, why do we consult clocks?
- 3 **Either** (a) Is the existence of God compatible with the existence of as much evil as there is in the world?
Or (b) What is the ontological argument for God's existence? What, if anything, is wrong with it?
- 4 If it was already true yesterday that you will answer this question, how can it be within your power not to?
- 5 'It doesn't matter whether or not the fundamental laws of nature are deterministic. The fact that we are subject to the same laws as everything else is enough to show we are not free.' Discuss.
- 6 Could you continue to exist in a different body?
- 7 Is there any sense in which minds are just brains?
- 8 Do we only directly perceive sense-data?
- 9 Is a belief anything more than a disposition to certain patterns of behaviour?
- 10 What do 'Gettier cases' show about knowledge?
- 11 Can we know that the external world exists?
- 12 Does induction's track-record bear on its future prospects?

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