

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IA

Friday 25 May 2007

13.30 to 16.30

Paper 1

METAPHYSICS AND PHILOSOPHY OF MIND

Answer **three** 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.

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**

- 1 **Either** (a) What best explains the asymmetries we find between the past and the future?
 Or (b) 'Since it is a tautology that what will be will be, fatalism is obviously correct.' Discuss.
- 2 **Either** (a) Is there a coherent notion of providence?
 Or (b) If God is free, why does He not manage things better?
- 3 Can there be causation without a regular pattern of similar events?
- 4 Are you both a person and an animal? If so, are there two things sitting in your chair?
- 5 Does freedom of will require freedom to do otherwise?
- 6 For all you know, might you be the only conscious being?
- 7 Do we always know whether we know something?
- 8 Is there any more reason to think that the future will be like the past than that it will be different from the past?
- 9 Is it wise to believe what you are told?
- 10 Does psychophysical interaction raise a problem for dualism?

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