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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