

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IA

Friday 23 May 2008

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) 'The principle of epistemic closure makes scepticism unavoidable so we should reject that principle.' Discuss.
 Or (b) 'Knowledge must not depend on coincidence or luck.' Discuss.
- 2 Can the problem of induction be solved? If so how?
- 3 **Either** (a) Is indeterminism necessary for free will? Is it sufficient?
 Or (b) Present the best argument you know for the incompatibility of determinism and free will. How might the compatibilist respond?
- 4 Are there good reasons to suppose that time does not *really* flow?
- 5 Could there be time if there was no change of any kind?
- 6 Do sensations happen anywhere? If so where?
- 7 Could two people with exactly the same behavioural dispositions have different beliefs?
- 8 **Either** (a) Are we essentially persons?
 Or (b) 'The principle that one's fears can extend to future pain whatever psychological changes precede it seems positively straightforward. Perhaps, indeed, it is not; but we need to be shown what is wrong with it.' Discuss.
- 9 Can the existence of God be disproved?
- 10 Does a cause always necessitate its effects?

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