

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IA

Wednesday 28 May 2008

09.00 to 12.00

Paper 4

SET TEXTS

Answer **three** 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 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**

SECTION A Plato, *Meno*

- 1 What role does the theory of recollection play in Socrates's response to Meno's paradox?
- 2 Why does Socrates reject Meno's definition of virtue as desiring beautiful things and having the power to acquire them? Is he right to do so?
- 3 'True opinion is in no way a worse guide to correct action than knowledge.' Discuss Socrates's response.
- 4 Assess Socrates's criteria for a good definition of virtue.

SECTION B Hume, *Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion*

- 5 How does Hume think that the argument to design differs from scientific reasoning? Is he right?
- 6 Explain Hume's doctrine of natural belief.
- 7 Does Cleanthes reject Demea's 'argument *a priori*' too quickly?
- 8 **Either** (a) How should we explain Philo's apparent retraction in Part XII of the *Dialogues*?
- Or** (b) Is Pamphilus right to give the victory to Cleanthes?

SECTION C Mill, *On Liberty* and *The Subjection of Women*

- 9 Does Mill succeed in defending 'one very simple principle' to govern interference with others?
- 10 Is there a contradiction between Mill's desire for progress and his prioritisation of liberty?
- 11 Critically assess Mill's arguments for equality between men and women.
- 12 'The principle of freedom cannot require that [one] should be free not to be free. It is not freedom to be allowed to alienate [one's] freedom' (MILL). Discuss.

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