

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IA

Friday 26 May 2017

09.00 – 12.00

Paper 1

METAPHYSICS

*Answer **three** questions only.*

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**

1. Should knowledge of a future psychological disruption make you indifferent to any fortune or misfortune that succeeds it?
2. Were you once a foetus?
3. Is there anything wrong with conceiving of miracles as contraventions of the laws of nature?
4. Is there a convincing version of the cosmological argument?
5. Do theists need to answer the problem of evil? Can they?
6. Explain and illustrate the difference between over-determination and pre-emption. Why does this difference matter for theories of causation?
7. Are causes necessary and/or sufficient for their effects?
8. 'If the mind can have effects in the material world, it must itself be material.' Discuss.
9. Is the existence of phenomenal consciousness a problem for physicalism?
10. EITHER (a) If determinism is true, is a person bound to do what they actually do?

OR (b) Is there any role for higher-order desires in an account of freedom?

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