

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IA

Friday 27 May 2016

13:30 – 16:30

Paper 5

GENERAL

Write a philosophical essay on one of the following topics.

Write the number of the topic on the cover sheet.

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. Can God's existence be established on *a priori* grounds?
2. Is incompatibilism about free will ultimately motivated by dualism?
3. How, if at all, does fatalism differ from determinism?
4. Should logic aim to capture *all* valid arguments of English?
5. Are names descriptions?
6. Is there an interesting notion of analyticity?
7. How much weight should we place on our intuitions about particular cases when deciding which political theory to adopt?
8. 'We shouldn't find the idea of objective normativity objectionable, since meaning is normative and objective.' Discuss.
9. Does doing moral philosophy make one more moral? What does your answer suggest about the point of doing moral philosophy?
10. Is the Socratic method as demonstrated in Plato's *Meno* a good way of teaching philosophy?
11. 'Philosophers today still need to read Descartes; no scientist today need read Galileo. This suggests that science makes progress but philosophy does not.' Discuss.
12. 'Given that gender roles are socially constructed, we must accept our society's definitions of the terms "man" and "woman".' Discuss.

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