

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IB

Friday 21 May 2004

9 to 12

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.

**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) Can substance dualism be plausibly defended?
 Or (b) Is it possible to reduce mental properties to physical properties?
 If not, would such an impossibility establish dualism?
- 2 **Either** (a) Are mental states functional states?
 Or (b) Can there be a satisfactory computer model of the mind?
- 3 'There are no psycho-physical laws, and this shows that mental events are physical events.' Discuss.
- 4 **Either** (a) 'A priori knowledge can be accommodated by empiricists, because it is knowledge of analytic truths.' Do you agree?
 Or (b) Can we know anything about the world without relying on sensory evidence?
- 5 Is folk psychology a radically false theory?
- 6 'Truth and ideal justification amount to the same thing.' Discuss.
- 7 Are secondary qualities dispositional in a way primary qualities are not?
- 8 In what respects (if any) do emotions differ from paradigmatic cognitive states such as beliefs and judgements? And what properties (if any) do emotions share with beliefs and judgements?
- 9 **Either** (a) What do illusions and hallucinations tell us about perception?
 Or (b) Should one adopt a causal theory of perception?
- 10 'Testimony is the conveyance of belief, not knowledge.' Discuss.

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