METAPHYSICS AND EPISTEMOLOGY

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.

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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
Either (a) What is a transcendental argument? Can any such argument be used to defeat scepticism?

Or (b) 'Only idealism can give a satisfactory answer to scepticism. Idealism is incoherent. So scepticism can never be answered.' Discuss.

2 Either (a) Can an internalist about epistemic justification coherently endorse foundationalism about such justification?

Or (b) 'Externalist theories of epistemic justification are not really theories of justification.' Discuss.

3 How would you define a priori knowledge? Is there any such knowledge?

4 'If it is possible to have a hallucinatory experience that is subjectively indistinguishable from a veridical perception, then no visual experience can essentially involve a relation to a mind-independent object.' Discuss.

5 Are colours dispositions to produce experiences in us? If not, what are they?

6 Either (a) What is the minimalist conception of truth? Is it defensible?

Or (b) What is Tarski’s theory of truth? What, if anything, is its philosophical significance?

7 Does the conceivability of 'zombies' rule out any form of materialism?

8 Is functionalism compatible with the type-identity theory of mind?

9 What does it mean to say that mental processes are computational? Is it true?

10 'Our ordinary concept of the mental applies to a mixed bag of unrelated features of human beings and other animals. There is no "mark" of the mental.' Discuss.

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