

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IB

Friday 3 June 2005

9 to 12

Paper 5

HISTORY OF MODERN PHILOSOPHY

Answer **three** questions only.

Write the number of the question at the beginning of each answer.

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 Is Anselm's *Proslogion* based on just a single *argumentum*?
- 2 How successful is Anselm in showing that it makes sense to consider God as just, yet merciful; as omnipotent, yet not able to do all things; and as lacking parts, yet containing all time?
- 3 Are Aquinas' Five Ways designed to overcome religious scepticism?
- 4 Given that he held that God's essence is to exist, why did Aquinas deny that God's existence is self-evident?
- 5 At what point in the *Meditations*, and why, does Descartes claim that clear and evident perceptions yield certain knowledge? Is he justified?
- 6 If my leg is wounded, *I* feel the pain. Does Descartes successfully tackle this challenge to his dualism?
- 7 What is space in Leibniz's philosophy?
- 8 Did Leibniz have an adequate account of human freedom?
- 9 How can Berkeley claim that his philosophy is supported by common sense?
- 10 What is the role of 'notions' in Berkeley's philosophy?
- 11 'What is nowadays often called the Humean theory of causation is one of which Hume himself was scathingly critical.' Discuss.
- 12 Does Hume have an account of personal identity?
- 13 Discuss the notion of substance in two of the authors set.
- 14 Could there be abstract ideas?
- 15 What is occasionalism?

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