

PART IB, PAPER 5, HISTORY OF MODERN PHILOSOPHY

SAMPLE QUESTIONS ON LOCKE

Is Locke right to think that ideas are signs?

“The *ideas of primary qualities* of bodies *are resemblances* of them, and their patterns do really exist in the bodies themselves” (LOCKE). Can this view be defended?

Explain and assess Locke’s conception of the relationship between sameness of substance, sameness of man and sameness of person.

Are there good reasons for thinking that the idea of substance is innate?

Is the sorting of things the “Workmanship of the Understanding”?

How convincing is Locke response to scepticism about the external world?

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