

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IB

Monday 27th May 2013

09.00 – 12.00

Paper 5

MODERN AND MEDIEVAL PHILOSOPHY

*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.

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. EITHER: a) 'In the 'Collationes' Abelard shows that it can be rational to follow a revealed religion.' Discuss.

OR: b) How does Abelard relate goodness to the virtues in the 'Collationes'?

2. EITHER: a) Examine Ibn Tufayl's attitude to Avicenna in 'Hayy ibn Yaqzan'.

OR: b) Discuss the extent to which 'Hayy ibn Yaqzan' puts forward an elitist conception of access to knowledge and the extent to which Ibn Tufayl justifies it.

3. Compare Abelard's 'Collationes' and Ibn Tufayl's 'Hayy ibn Yaqzan' either (a) in their presentation of the powers and limits of human reason, or (b) in their use of literary form to explore philosophical problems.

4. According to the 'Meditations', under what conditions should we assent to a judgement? Examine both how Descartes justifies his criterion and the extent to which his own practice in the work is in accord with it.

5. Why does Descartes believe that he is not a Platonic dualist? Was this belief consistent with his understanding of minds and body?

6. Does Leibniz solve the mind-body problem?

7. Assess Locke's way of distinguishing between real and nominal essences.

8. Are secondary qualities secondary? Discuss with reference to Locke.

9. Does Berkeley succeed in refuting atheism?

10. EITHER: a) Can Berkeley convincingly distinguish between reality and appearance?

OR: b) What role does Berkeley's criticism of abstraction play in his rejection of materialism?

11. To what extent is Hume a sceptic about personal identity?

12. What is space for Leibniz and/or Hume?

13. EITHER: a) Is Hume's account of causation consistent?

OR: b) Is Hume's account of causation convincing?

14. Compare and contrast the accounts of our knowledge of the external world of two among Descartes, Locke, Leibniz, Berkeley, Hume.

15. Compare the extent to which two of the following rely on Scholastic accounts of substance: Descartes, Locke, Leibniz.

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