

**PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IB**

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Friday 28 May 2004

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Paper 5

HISTORY OF MODERN PHILOSOPHY

*Answer **three** questions only.*

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

**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 What is the 'single argument' (unum argumentum) which Anselm claims that he has stated in the Proslogion?
- 2 How much of Anselm's argumentation needs to be changed in order to arrive at a valid version of the Ontological Argument?
- 3 Assess Aquinas' reasons for preferring the Five Ways to other methods of arguing for the existence of God.
- 4 Analyse Aquinas' understanding of causality as used in the Five Ways.
- 5 How vicious is the Cartesian Circle?
- 6 Is Descartes entitled to claim that he is not lodged in his body only as a 'pilot in a vessel'?
- 7 Why was Leibniz so sure that no two objects are exactly similar?
- 8 What similarities are there between occasionalism and Leibniz's doctrine of a pre-established harmony?
- 9 Does Berkeley confuse ideas in the mind with qualities in objects?
- 10 How, if at all, can you imagine a tree which you are not imagining? Discuss with reference to Berkeley.
- 11 Is there reason to think that Hume believed in real causal powers?
- 12 Is it vain to ask whether there be body or not? Discuss with reference to Hume.
- 13 How did the notion of substance change from the medieval to the modern period?
- 14 Compare the way in which two of the following use the term 'idea' in justifying their epistemological claims: Descartes, Berkeley, Hume.
- 15 Examine how one of the following reacts to his reading of Aristotle: Aquinas, Descartes, Leibniz.

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