

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IB

Monday 23 May 2016

09.00 – 12.00

Paper 1

METAPHYSICS AND EPISTEMOLOGY

*Answer **three** questions only.*

Write the number of the question at the beginning of each answer. If you are answering the 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) 'That dress looks blue to me but white to you.' Discuss this claim from the perspective of a dispositionalist about colours.

OR (b) Do primary qualities resemble our ideas of them in a way that secondary qualities do not?

2. 'Perceptual experience essentially involves a relationship to a mind-independent object.' Discuss.
3. 'Aristotle existed only in the actual world.' Discuss.
4. Offer a general recipe for constructing a Gettier case, and evaluate the epistemic principles appealed to in Gettier's own constructions.
5. Present the strongest case you can for justification internalism, and criticize this case.
6. EITHER (a) 'The sceptical arguments show that the concept "knowledge" is incoherent and should be abandoned or replaced.' Discuss.

OR (b) Can we show that we know things about the external world without begging the question against the sceptic? Is it a problem if we can't?

7. What is the epistemic significance of higher-order evidence?
8. EITHER (a) 'The argument from illusion refutes common sense realism about perception.' Discuss.

OR (b) If perceptual error is possible, how can perception be an openness to and awareness of the world?
9. How is *a priori* knowledge possible?
10. Contrast the Humean and Reidian views of knowledge from testimony.

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