

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IB

Wednesday 30 May 2018

09.00 – 12.00

Paper 5

EARLY MODERN 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. Is Berkeley's master argument philosophically defensible?
2. EITHER (a) Is Berkeley's idealism consistent with common sense?

OR (b) 'That the things I see with mine eyes and touch with mine hands do exist, I make not the least question. The only thing whose existence we deny is that which philosophers call matter or corporeal substance' (BERKELEY). Discuss.
3. Evaluate Locke's arguments for the claim that shape is a primary quality whereas colour is a secondary quality.
4. Does Locke only succeed in refuting the *least* sophisticated version of innatism?
5. What reasons, if any, do we have for thinking that Leibnizian monads exist?
6. EITHER (a) Discuss Leibniz's account of necessity. What is the most serious problem with it?

OR (b) Does Leibniz offer a satisfactory account of the mind-body interaction?
7. EITHER (a) 'Tis merely the force and liveliness of the perception, which constitutes the first act of judgment, and lays the foundation of that reasoning, which we build upon it, when we trace the relation of cause and effect' (HUME). Discuss.

OR (b) In what sense is Hume a sceptic with regard to demonstrative knowledge?
8. 'All our perceptions are different from each other, and from everything else in the universe [...] they are also distinct and separable [...] and may exist separately. They are, therefore, substances' (HUME). What is the significance of this view, and what are its consequences for Hume's account of personal identity?
9. Compare the use of 'idea' in the texts of two or more of the philosophers set for this paper.
10. Compare the treatment of general terms in the texts of two or more of the philosophers set for this paper.
11. Compare the treatment of knowledge of external objects in the texts of two or more of the philosophers set for this paper.
12. Evaluate the role of God in the texts of two or more of the philosophers set for this paper.

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