

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II

Friday 26 May 2000

9 to 12

Paper 1

METAPHYSICS

*Answer **three** questions only.*

- 1 Does the structure of language tell us anything about the structure of the world?
- 2 'Solipsism, when its implications are followed out strictly, coincides with pure realism.' Discuss.
- 3 'Only if the world is constituted by thought can arguments about how we must think demonstrate what there actually is in the world.' Discuss.
- 4 What kind of privilege, if any, do I have in reporting my own mental states?
- 5 Does an externalist theory of mental content leave any room for scepticism about the external world?
- 6 Can empathy play any role in our ability to know about others' thoughts and, if so, how and in what sense?
- 7 Is there any way in which a psychoanalytic conception of the mind should change our views about mental causation?
- 8 Can you have all that matters in survival without actually surviving?
- 9 Is time importantly different from space?
- 10 'Everything that exists is particular.' Discuss.
- 11 'The only satisfactory explanation of an event is a causal one.' Discuss.
- 12 Is philosophy just the science of science?

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