

**PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II**

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Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2014

13.30 – 16.30

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Paper 1

**METAPHYSICS**

*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. 'Even if reference were radically indeterminate, much of realism would survive. There would still be a world which would not be a figment of our imagination.' Discuss.
2. 'No coherent doctrine of conceptual relativity is philosophically interesting.' Discuss.
3. Do transcendental arguments involve a problematic commitment to idealism?
4. Do objects have temporal parts?
5. Is there a defensible distinction between abstract and concrete?
6. 'We are fundamentally animals, and thus our continued existence over time isn't a psychological matter.' Discuss.
7. EITHER (a) In what sense if any is causation a secondary quality?  
OR (b) Is it possible to reconcile the need for causation in a theory of effective action with scepticism about its role in physics?
8. What distinguishes 'dynamic' and 'static' conceptions of time? Which if either is the more plausible?
9. Is there an ultimate distinction between universals and particulars?
10. State Bradley's regress. Is it vicious?

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