

**PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II**

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Monday 30 May 2005

9 to 12

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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 an either/or question, indicate the letter as well.*

*The question marked with an asterisk may not be answered by candidates also offering Paper 9: Wittgenstein.*

**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 Does empiricism depend on a scheme-content distinction?
- 2 'The whole theory of particulars and universals is due to mistaking for a fundamental characteristic of reality what is merely a characteristic of language.' Discuss.
- 3 Is a negative fact needed to make 'unicorns exist' false?
- 4 Is a lump of clay identical to the statue made from it?
- 5 Is the difference between *now* and *then* more significant than the difference between *here* and *there*?
- 6 Do persistent objects have temporal parts?
- 7 **Either** (a) Is causation in the head?  
**Or** (b) How, if at all, can genuine causation be indeterministic?
- 8 Are persons bodies?
- 9 Can there be experts in philosophy?
- 10 Can transcendental arguments defeat scepticism?
- \*11 **Either** (a) Describe and assess Wittgenstein's treatment of the will in the *Tractatus*.  
**Or** (b) Why is colour-exclusion a problem for the *Tractatus*? Assess Wittgenstein's means of coping with it.

END OF PAPER