PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS     Part II

Friday  28  May  2010  09.00  to  12.00

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 questions 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 Should we be conceptual relativists?
2 Is there an acceptable form of idealism?
*3 Does the *Tractatus* give me any good reason to think that my world is atomistic?
*4 'There is no such thing as the thinking representing subject.' (*Tractatus* 5.631) Discuss.
5 Either (a) What is Bradley’s regress? Can the regress be avoided by conceiving of universals as essentially incomplete?
   Or (b) Is there a particular-universal distinction?
6 What, if anything, makes negative existential statements true?
7 In what sense, if any, are facts 'composed' from their constituents?
8 Either (a) In what sense, if any, do the singular causal facts depend on the existence of laws?
   Or (b) Must a cause necessitate its effects?
9 How is the past different from the future?
10 Explain and assess the hypothesis that time differs from space in that time has a 'direction' and space does not.
11 Should the identity of persons over time matter to us?
12 'We cannot prove that external bodies exist, but we must assume it in all our reasoning.' Discuss.

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