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.

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

STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS
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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 the slingshot argument threaten an ontology of facts?
2. Are there any negative facts?
3. How, if at all, are properties related to particulars?
4. Either (a) Could time have a direction? If so, what would this involve, and how could we ever know that it has a direction?
   Or (b) What, if anything, does McTaggart's argument for the unreality of time succeed in showing?
5. Can causation be understood in terms of raising of probabilities?
6. 'To causally explain an event is to give information about its causal history.' Discuss.
7. In what sense, if any, are persons animals?
8. 'The very notion of a bare particular is incoherent.' Discuss.
9. Is there a form of conceptual relativism that is both coherent and interesting?
10. Might you be a brain in a vat?
11. What does Wittgenstein in the Tractatus mean when he says that a proposition is a logical picture? What can be said in favour of this idea?
12. Explain and assess Wittgenstein's reasons for rejecting the 'subject that thinks or entertains ideas' in the Tractatus.