PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS    Part II

Friday 24\textsuperscript{th} May 2013     13.30 – 16.30

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.

* Questions 11 and 12 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. ‘The intelligibility of scepticism presupposes realism.’ Discuss.

2. Is there just one true theory of the world?

3. ‘The arbitrariness of reading our objectifications into the heathen speech reflects not so much the inscrutability of the heathen mind, as that there is nothing to scrut.’ (QUINE). Discuss.

4. ‘There is no basis in reality or language for the traditional distinction between universals and particulars’. Discuss.

5. What are facts? Are there any facts?

6. EITHER: a) Assess the claim that objects have temporal parts. What is the significance of this claim?

OR: b) Can two objects be in the same place at the same time?

7. What is the B theory of time? Is it true?

8. Can the direction of time be explained by the direction of causation?

9. Could you have existed without being a person?

10. What role, if any, should the notion of agency play in an account of causation?

*11. What is Wittgenstein’s argument in the _Tractatus_ that there are simple objects? Is it any good?

*12. ‘The world is my world.’ (_Tractatus_, 5.62). Discuss.

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