

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II

Wednesday 26 May 2004

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Paper 4

HISTORY OF MODERN PHILOSOPHY

*Answer **three** questions only.*

Write the number of the question at the beginning of each answer.

**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 Is Kant's view that there are synthetic a priori truths ultimately indefensible?
- 2 Did Kant prove what he set out to prove in the transcendental deduction?
- 3 What is wrong with Berkeleyan idealism according to Kant?
- 4 Does Hegel's account of 'sense certainty' refute all forms of empiricism?
- 5 Evaluate critically the best case that can be made for Hegel's claim that history is the story of the unfolding of freedom.
- 6 Does the notion of a 'concrete universal' have any real use?
- 7 Does Nietzsche's analysis of the concept of 'evil' mean that we must abandon the use of this concept?
- 8 Does Nietzsche's philosophy present a convincing theodicy?
- 9 Why does Nietzsche associate perspectivism with illusion?
- 10 What consequences, if any, ought one to draw from the necessary incompleteness of human existence as analysed by Heidegger in *Being and Time*?
- 11 Is the claim in *Being and Time* that 'existence is in each case mine' more than a platitude?
- 12 Does Heidegger's philosophy bear any discernible relation to pragmatism?

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