PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS   Part II

Friday 30 May 2008          09.00 to 12.00

Paper 4

HISTORY OF MODERN PHILOSOPHY

Answer three questions only.

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

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 representations of space cannot, therefore, be empirically obtained from the relations of outer appearance' (KANT). Explain and discuss.

2 What has the transcendental unity of apperception got to do with the Kantian categories?

3 'Kant's distinction between appearances and things in themselves is fundamentally a distinction between two kinds of properties of things: relational and intrinsic.' Discuss.

4 Do Kant's Antinomies demonstrate the truth of transcendental idealism?

5 Is Hegel's absolute idealism superior to subjective idealism?

6 Is Hegel right to think that self-consciousness can be correctly understood only by reference to desire?

7 Evaluate Hegel's arguments against the view that political life should be understood primarily through concepts like 'self-preservation'.

8 Does Hegel give a 'true theodicy'?

9 Are Nietzsche's criticisms of Socrates telling?

10 Was Nietzsche right about the significance of tragedy?

11 Are there cogent reasons for thinking that moralities centred on the contrast between 'good' and 'bad' are superior to those centred on the contrast between 'good' and 'evil'?

12 Does Nietzsche have a convincing account of asceticism?

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