

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II

Tuesday 02 June 2009

13.30 to 16.30

Paper 4

HISTORY OF MODERN PHILOSOPHY

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.

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 What is Kant's argument for the synthetic apriority of geometry, and is it sound?
- 2 'The phenomenon-noumenon distinction does not entail the existence of two distinct worlds of objects.' Discuss.
- 3 'The Transcendental Deduction is refuted by the possibility of intuitions without concepts.' Discuss.
- 4 'Free will is compatible with determinism only if transcendental idealism is true.' Discuss.
- 5 Does Hegel have a philosophically defensible concept of 'Spirit'?
- 6 **Either** (a) What is the significance of Hegel's claim that there can be no 'method' in philosophy? Is he right?
Or (b) Is Hegel correct to think that philosophical statements are essentially different from the statements we make in ordinary life?
- 7 Does Hegel have a telling criticism of empiricism?
- 8 Is Hegel right to think that under appropriate circumstances philosophical argumentation will result in convergence to a single set of views?
- 9 Is tragedy a stimulant to life of the kind Nietzsche thinks it is?
- 10 Does Nietzsche's account of art in *The Birth of Tragedy* yield a normative aesthetics?
- 11 Does Nietzsche convincingly show that a critique of modern morality should take the form of a historical account?
- 12 What does Nietzsche mean by his claim that the desire for truth at all costs is fundamentally moral? Is he right?

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