

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS, PART IB

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Thursday 09 June 2022

11am-4pm

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Paper 5

EARLY MODERN PHILOSOPHY

Answer **three** questions only. (At least one from each section).

Write your number not your name on the cover sheet of each answer booklet.

For each question do not write more than **2000** words.

**Section A**

1. What is a monad? Are you one?
2. What is the problem that the theory of the pre-established harmony is supposed to solve, and is it successful?
3. How ought we relate to the world around us? Answer with reference to Cavendish and/or Spinoza.
4. What is monism, and is it right? Discuss with reference to Cavendish and/or Spinoza.
5. 'Everyone of himself will readily perceive the difference betwixt feeling and thinking.' (HUME) Discuss.
6. Discuss Hume's comparison of personal identity with the identity of at least two of: a theatre performance, an oak tree, a church, a river, a republic.

**Section B**

7. Is Cartesian reason gendered reason?
8. Is there such a thing as early modern feminism?
9. Should you get married? Discuss with reference to two early modern thinkers of your choice.
10. Can a poem or letter be philosophy? Discuss with reference to early modern thinkers.
11. What is the best early modern alternative to Cartesian dualism?
12. Is there anything a contemporary materialist might learn from an early modern one?

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