

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS, PART IA (PHT0/1)

Thursday 26 May 2022

10am-3pm

Paper 1

METAPHYSICS

Answer **three** questions only.

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

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

1. Is psycho-physical causation any more of a problem than physical-physical causation?
2. 'Your actions are causally determined by the state of the world long before your birth.' Is there a plausible interpretation of 'causally determined' on which this statement rules out free will?
3. Does Hume's scepticism about induction undermine his scepticism about miracles?
4. Does present-you have any good reason to care about what happens to future-you?
5. Is inductive inference any harder to justify than deductive inference?
6. 'Some of my mental states are in my iPhone. My mental states are parts of my mind. My mind and I are identical. So, some parts of my iPhone are parts of me.' Is this a sound argument?
7. Could you ever come back to life as a ghost?
8. Is it possible to cause something that would have happened anyway?
9. 'Thinking involves more than just matching symbols in accordance with a rule.' Discuss.
10. 'Either I have already passed the exam that I took yesterday, or I have already failed it. Either way there is no point now in praying that I passed.' Is this argument any good?

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