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Philosophy Tripos Part II

Monday, 3 June 2024

13.30 to 16.30

Paper 1

METAPHYSICS

Answer three questions only.

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

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

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 to do so.

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- 1. "There is no self." Is this true? Does it matter?
- 2. Is tense real?
- 3. What is the most defensible form of endurantism?
- 4. "Variable X causes variable Y if and only if, were an intervention to change the value of X, it would also change the value of Y." Discuss.
- 5. Do scientists need the notion of causation?
- 6. Pick a problem concerning relations. What is the solution?
- 7. Are properties sparse or abundant?
- 8. "Dummett made realism primarily an issue for the theorist of meaning rather than the metaphysician." Discuss.
- 9. Is truth just what an ideal reasoner would accept?
- 10. Is there a defensible transcendental argument against scepticism?

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