

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II

12:00 noon BST Monday 31 May 2021 –
12:00 noon BST Tuesday 1 June 2021

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. Can scepticism be refuted?
2. Do permutation arguments show that reference is indeterminate? How does your answer bear on metaphysical realism?
3. Must a realist believe in verification-transcendent truth?
4. Is the theory of meaning a route to metaphysical conclusions?
5. Do only particulars exist?
6. Do we have better reasons to believe in concrete objects than in abstract objects?
7. Is causation real?
8. 'To think of a relation between events as causal is to think of it under the aspect of (possible) action'. Discuss.
9. Is the passage of time an illusion?
10. Is the direction of time purely a matter of physics?
11. Were you ever a foetus?

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