

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II

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12:00 noon BST Wednesday 9 June 2021 –  
12:00 noon BST Thursday 10 June 2021

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Paper 2

PHILOSOPHY OF MIND

Answer **three** questions only.

*Write the number of the question at the beginning of each answer. If you are answering an either/or question, indicate the letter as well.*

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

1. EITHER: (a) Can we helpfully understand introspection as akin to perception?  
  
OR: (b) Is the way in which we learn about others' mental states fundamentally different from the way in which we learn about our own?
2. What is it that you come to understand when you realize that *your* pants are on fire?
3. Does our capacity to imagine zombies tell us anything of interest about the nature of consciousness?
4. Must conscious states be *about* something?
5. Can I have conscious states that I can't access?
6. 'Cut the pie anyway you like, "meanings" just ain't in the head!' (PUTNAM) Should we agree?
7. What can teleological theories of content do that causal theories cannot?
8. 'Seeing is believing.' Discuss.
9. EITHER: (a) Is it helpful to see intentions as promises to oneself?  
  
OR: (b) Is succumbing to temptation just a case of changing one's mind about what's best?
10. What state am I in when I want Romeo and Juliet to live happily ever after?

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