PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II

12:00 noon BST Tuesday 8 June 2021 –
12:00 noon BST Wednesday 9 June 2021

Paper 4

EUROPEAN PHILOSOPHY FROM KANT

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) If space is a form of intuition, can it also be a property of things in themselves?

OR: (b) What is the distinction between phenomena and noumena a distinction of?

2. ‘The analytical unity of apperception is only possible under the presupposition of some synthetic one.’ (KANT) Analyse this claim and explain its significance for Kant's argument in the Transcendental Deduction.

3. ‘Objective significance is conferred on our representations only insofar as a certain order in their temporal relation is necessary.’ (KANT) Explain and assess Kant's argument for this claim in the Second Analogy of Experience.

4. EITHER: (a) Is Kant’s argument in the Antinomy of Pure Reason successful? Assess with reference to one of the Antinomies.

OR: (b) In what sense, if any, has Kant given a proof of freedom?

5. Must Hegel reject materialism?

6. ‘Sense-certainty itself has thus to be asked: What is the This?’ (HEGEL) Does sense-certainty have a good answer to Hegel's question?

7. EITHER: (a) Examine and evaluate Hegel's use of dialectic in his analysis of 'being' and 'nothingness'.

OR: (b) Examine and evaluate Hegel's use of dialectic in his analysis of 'lord' and 'bondsman'.

8. ‘Hegel's theory of freedom is intelligible only in the context of his metaphysics.’ Discuss.

9. ‘It is only as an aesthetic phenomenon that existence and the world are eternally justified.’ (NIETZSCHE) Discuss.

10. Does the genealogy of a belief make a difference to the truth of that belief? Answer with reference to Nietzsche.

11. ‘The world itself is the will to power – and nothing else!' (NIETZSCHE) Is this a metaphysical claim?

12. What is the value of moral values? Answer with reference to Nietzsche.
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