PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IA

Friday 24 May 2019

09.00 - 12.00

Paper 1

METAPHYSICS

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.

STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS

20 page answer book × 1 Rough work pad

You may not start to read the questions printed on the subsequent pages of this question paper until instructed that you may do so by the Invigilator

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- 1. Identity is a transitive relation. Does this threaten psychological continuity accounts of personal identity?
- 2. 'Foetuses are not yet people.' If this were true, what would it reveal about personal identity?
- 3. What, if anything, explains the validity of inductive reasoning?
- 4. 'Miracles are in the eye of the beholder.' Is this true?
- 5. In what way, if at all, are causes sufficient for their effects?
- 6. 'All events seem entirely loose and separate. One event follows another, but we never can observe any tie between them. They seem conjoined, but never connected.' Assuming this is right, how should we explain causation?
- 7. In what sense, if any, are mind and body distinct?
- 8. What should functionalists say about qualia?
- 9. If a person performs an action freely, does there have to be a sense in which they are not caused to do it?
- 10. '[A] person is not morally responsible for what he has done if he did it only because he could not have done otherwise.' (FRANKFURT) Why does Frankfurt come to this conclusion, and is he right?

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