

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS, PART II

Thursday 8 June 2023

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 the either/or question, indicate the letter as well.

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 that you may do so by the Invigilator

1. Should we be realists about fiction?
2. Are you a brain in a vat?
3. Are we compelled to recognize a notion of truth distinct from warranted assertibility?
4. Do persisting objects have temporal parts?
5. EITHER: (a) Can the A-theory of time be reconciled with relativistic physics?
OR: (b) Can the B-theory of time be reconciled with experience?
6. What has causation got to do with agency?
7. Does every fundamental ontology suffer from Bradley's regress?
8. Does trope theory avoid the pitfalls of other theories of ontology?
9. Why should I think that I persist at all?
10. What is the relation between the animal in your chair and yourself?

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