

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS, PART II

Monday 29 May 2023

13.30-16.30

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.

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. Why does Kant deny that we have knowledge of 'things in themselves'?
2. Discuss Kant's use of the 'leading thread' in his deduction of the table of the categories.
3. 'Geometry is a science which determines the properties of space synthetically, and yet a priori.' (KANT) Discuss.
4. EITHER: (a) Is the 'I' of transcendental apperception a substance?

OR: (b) What is Kant's 'I think'?
5. EITHER: (a) 'Hegel's metaphysics rests on his notion of "the absolute". But his notion of "the absolute" is implausible. So Hegel's metaphysics is implausible.' Discuss.

OR: (b) 'The true is actual only as system.' (HEGEL) Discuss.
6. Does Hegel have good grounds for objecting to an 'approach to the object' which is merely 'immediate or receptive'?
7. What role does the notion of 'the other' play in Hegel's account of self-consciousness in the *Phenomenology*?
8. What role does the notion of 'the other' play in Hegel's account of self-determination in the *Philosophy of Right*?
9. 'What I want, what I actually want with that dangerous slogan which is written on the spine of my last book, *Beyond Good and Evil* ... at least this does not mean "Beyond Good and Bad."' (NIETZSCHE) What does Nietzsche's slogan mean? Should we endorse it?
10. Does Nietzsche's rejection of Socratic optimism in *The Birth of Tragedy* imply an acceptance of pessimism?
11. What, if anything, distinguishes Nietzschean genealogy from other forms of historical inquiry?
12. If we endorse Nietzsche's perspectivism, must we give up on the idea of objectivity?

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