PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IB

Friday 25 May 2007

09.00 to 12.00

Paper 1

METAPHYSICS AND 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.

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 How is it possible to make sense of the idea that something that is perceived can also exist unperceived?
- 2 Are there any areas of discourse for which a coherence theory of truth is satisfactory?
- 3 Is there any sense in which primary qualities are more objective than secondary ones?
- 4 **Either** (a) Can the concept of knowledge be analysed into more basic concepts?
 - Or (b) If one knows that p must there be a specific way in which one knows that p? What light, if any, does the answer to this question cast on what it is to know that p?
- 5 How, if at all, is a priori knowledge possible?
- 6 Explain the difference between deflationism and the correspondence theory of truth. Is either acceptable?
- 7 **Either** (*a*) Can materialism admit that there could have been mental states that were not physical states?
 - **Or** (*b*) Does the possibility of an intelligent Martian, with a physical makeup different from our own, show that the mind is not identical with the brain?
- 8 Can computers have representational states?
- 9 **Either** (a) Do all monisms have to be anomological?
 - **Or** (b) 'Anomalous Monism has had its day; we need now either to develop it or to drop it.' Discuss.
- 10 Is intentionality the mark of the mental?

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