

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II

Friday 21 May 2004

9 to 12

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.

The questions marked with an asterisk may not be answered by candidates also offering Paper 9: Wittgenstein.

**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 Are there any good arguments for Davidson's view that there are no alternative conceptual schemes?
- 2 How should we characterise realism, and how should we assess it?
- 3 **Either** (a) How are we to understand the relationship between a thing and its properties?
Or (b) What in the world makes universal generalisations true?
- 4 Do material objects have temporal parts?
- 5 Must causes precede their effects?
- 6 **Either** (a) Are statements about the future now either determinately true or determinately false? If not, what are we to say about them?
Or (b) 'We can move more freely in space than we can in time.' Discuss.
- 7 'Knowledge is not closed under known implication, but sceptical arguments presuppose that it is.' Discuss.
- 8 'The history of philosophy is a branch of philosophy.' Do you agree?
- 9 Can we give a satisfactory account of personal identity without reference to the body?
- *10 Explain and evaluate Wittgenstein's argument in the *Tractatus* that objects are simple.
- *11 'Here we see that solipsism strictly carried out coincides with pure realism. The I in solipsism shrinks to an extensionless point and there remains the reality coordinated with it' (WITTGENSTEIN, *Tractatus*, 5.64). Discuss.

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