

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IA

Friday 23rd May 2014

13.30 – 16.30

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. EITHER (a) 'The cause of an event is the thing that made the difference to whether it happened or not.' What does this mean? Is it true?

OR (b) Are we in a position to tell causes from coincidences?
2. Is there any reason to think that the sun will rise tomorrow?
3. Critically evaluate the claim that if the mind can have effects in the physical world, it must itself be something physical.
4. Why does it matter whether we can know what it is like to be a bat?
5. Should any intervening psychological disturbances make future pain a matter of present indifference?
6. Is personal identity any more of a problem than the identity of ships?
7. If a newspaper reports that my number has won the lottery, I believe it. Should I be equally trusting if it reports that a miracle has occurred?
8. The ontological argument seems to prove too much; but where does it go wrong?
9. Does science tell us that there is no such thing as free will? Could it?
10. Is there a consistent libertarian position on free will? Can it make sense of moral responsibility?

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