

**PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IA**

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Friday 21 May 2004

1.30 to 4.30

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Paper 1

METAPHYSICS AND PHILOSOPHY OF MIND

*Answer **four** 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.*

**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 Is there a defensible argument for the *non-existence* of God?
- 2 Is there a defensible argument for the *non-existence* of time?
- 3 'Some mental states are caused by physical states and some physical states are caused by mental states.' Is this a serious threat to dualism?
- 4 **Either** (a) How can we make sense of, and argue for, the thesis that mental states are physical?  
**Or** (b) Can computers think?
- 5 **Either** (a) Is indeterminism necessary for free will? Is it sufficient?  
**Or** (b) 'If my decisions about what to do are caused by physical, chemical, or biological processes, then I have no free will.' Discuss.
- 6 'What you know depends on what you would have believed in counterfactual situations.' Discuss.
- 7 Does the fact that any evidence for the reliability of induction would itself be inductive make such evidence entirely worthless?
- 8 How (if at all) do my experiences differ between the case of perceiving an object and the case of hallucinating an object?
- 9 What is the connection between belief and behaviour?
- 10 **Either** (a) Does personal identity differ from object identity?  
**Or** (b) Does personal identity depend on psychological continuity?

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