

**PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IA**

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Wednesday 28 May 2003

9 to 12

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Paper 4

SET TEXTS

*Answer **four** questions; at least **one** from each section.*

*Write the number of the question at the beginning of each answer.*

**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**

SECTION A

- 1 What is Cleanthes' 'voice from the clouds' example supposed to achieve, and how? Does it?
- 2 Do Cleanthes and Philo succeed in refuting Demea's version of the Cosmological Argument?
- 3 Explain, with examples, some of the ways in which Hume takes advantage of writing in the dialogue form.
- 4 Discuss the coherence of Philo's sceptical position, as represented in the *Dialogues*.
- 5 Discuss Philo's claim that the hypothesis that 'the first causes of the universe ... have neither goodness nor malice ... seems by far the most probable'.

SECTION B

- 6 'The truth of an opinion is part of its utility.' (MILL) Discuss.
- 7 Discuss the significance of Mill's claim that 'no person is an entirely isolated being'.
- 8 Explain and critically discuss Mill's treatment of the cultivation of character.
- 9 What, if anything, is the point in giving people the liberty to be drunk, idle, or unclean?
- 10 Discuss Mill's treatment of the case where, with no time to warn him, a person is seized and prevented from crossing an unsafe bridge on the basis that 'liberty consists in doing what one desires, and he does not desire to fall into the river'.

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