PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IB

MOCK PAPER

Paper 1

KNOWLEDGE, LANGUAGE AND THE WORLD

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 \times 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. Is knowledge a natural kind?
- 2. When is a belief justified?
- 3. Does externalism about knowledge defeat scepticism?
- 4. "Here is a hand." Really?
- 5. EITHER: (a) Is the distinction between primary and secondary qualities philosophically defensible?

OR: (b) What is a response-dependent concept? Are there any?

6. EITHER: (a) What is the logical form of action sentences?

OR: (b) Explain, using examples, the distinction between the grammatical and logical form of arguments.

- 7. What should a correspondence theory of truth make truth correspond to?
- 8. "True ideas are those that we can assimilate, validate, corroborate, and verify. False ideas are those we cannot. That is the practical difference it makes to us to have true ideas; that therefore is the meaning of truth, for it is all that truth is known as." (JAMES). Discuss
- 9. Is the feeling of regret a problem for counterpart theory?
- 10. Are possible worlds abstract representations of ways this world might have been?

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