PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS   Part II

Monday 27 May 2002   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.

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   'If we can account for representation in naturalistic terms, then there is no philosophical problem of consciousness.' Discuss.

2   **Either**   *(a)*   If truths need facts to make them true, how can Presentists say anything true about the past?

       Or   *(b)*   If our present time is the only temporal location that exists, should we treat our present location as the only spatial location that exists?

3   Is imagination more important in understanding other people than in understanding any other item in the world?

4   **Either**   *(a)*   Is 'I' a referring term? If so, what does it refer to?

       Or   *(b)*   'The subject does not belong to the world but it is a limit of the world.' Discuss.

5   **Either**   *(a)*   How, according to the *Tractatus*, do I succeed in expressing that a certain state of affairs (atomic fact) occurs?

       Or   *(b)*   What are the objects of the *Tractatus*?

6   What are the methodological difficulties in debates about realism?

7   In what sense, if any, are there alternative conceptual schemes? If they exist, does their existence have important implications?

8   'Sceptical doubts about the material world should not be answered but cured.' Discuss.

9   Is causal realism established by the fact that we can observe causal connections? Or by the fact that without them the order of nature would be a miracle?

10   'Scientists can do good science in ignorance of the history of science but philosophers cannot do good philosophy without knowledge of the history of philosophy.' Discuss.

11   Is there a clear distinction between universals and particulars?

12   Must a cause necessitate its effects?

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