

**PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II**

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Friday 30 May 2003

1.30 to 4.30

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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 Are people animals?
- 2 **Either** (a) Is there a viable tensed theory of time?  
**Or** (b) How is time like space?
- 3 Does an ontology of temporal parts solve problems about the identity of concrete objects?
- 4 What are the constituents of facts?
- 5 'If the world had no substance then whether a proposition had sense would depend on whether another proposition was true' (WITTGENSTEIN, *Tractatus* 2.0211). Discuss.
- 6 Is the issue over realism an issue over logic?
- 7 Does the word 'I' refer?
- 8 **Either** (a) What do you understand by *the counterfactual analysis of causation*? Could it be right?  
**Or** (b) Must causes necessitate their effects?
- 9 'Arguments are for convincing people with. We are all convinced of the existence of an external world. So whether or not there is a good argument for it simply doesn't matter.' Discuss.
- 10 'Philosophy leaves everything as it is.' Discuss.
- 11 Can there be alternative conceptual schemes?
- 12 Can a transcendental argument ever show what there is, or only what we have to think there is?

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