

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II

Friday 28 May 2010

09.00 to 12.00

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.

The questions marked with an asterisk () may not be answered by candidates also offering Paper 9: Wittgenstein.*

STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS

20 Page Answer Book x 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 Should we be conceptual relativists?
- 2 Is there an acceptable form of idealism?
- *3 Does the *Tractatus* give me any good reason to think that my world is atomistic?
- *4 'There is no such thing as the thinking representing subject.'
(*Tractatus* 5.631) Discuss.
- 5 **Either** (a) What is Bradley's regress? Can the regress be avoided by conceiving of universals as essentially incomplete?
Or (b) Is there a particular-universal distinction?
- 6 What, if anything, makes negative existential statements true?
- 7 In what sense, if any, are facts 'composed' from their constituents?
- 8 **Either** (a) In what sense, if any, do the singular causal facts depend on the existence of laws?
Or (b) Must a cause necessitate its effects?
- 9 How is the past different from the future?
- 10 Explain and assess the hypothesis that time differs from space in that time has a 'direction' and space does not.
- 11 Should the identity of persons over time matter to us?
- 12 'We cannot prove that external bodies exist, but we must assume it in all our reasoning.' Discuss.

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