

**PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II**

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Tuesday 3 June 2003

1.30 to 4.30

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Paper 2

PHILOSOPHY OF MIND

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     **Either**    (a)   In what way, if any, is imagination useful in understanding other minds?  
              **Or**       (b)   Are minds theoretical posits?
- 2     Do I gain self-knowledge by self-observation?
- 3     **Either**    (a)   Can there be unconscious mental states?  
              **Or**       (b)   In what sense, if any, is 'consciousness' a mongrel concept?
- 4     Does the phenomenal character of a perceptual experience supervene on the representational content of that experience?
- 5     **Either**    (a)   How can actions be distinguished from other behavioural episodes and how sharp is the distinction?  
              **Or**       (b)   What is meant by saying that a belief causes an action 'in virtue of its content'? Do beliefs cause actions in virtue of their contents?
- 6     **Either**    (a)   To what extent can finite creatures be rational?  
              **Or**       (b)   Can someone have reason to do X although they cannot be brought to acknowledge it?
- 7     **Either**    (a)   'The so-called "weak-willed" are just intellectually muddled.' Discuss.  
              **Or**       (b)   Does self-deception involve simultaneously believing p and not-p?
- 8     Can we give a Fregean account of demonstratives?
- 9     Must there be a language of thought?
- 10    **Either**    (a)   Is there more to believing and desiring than being comprehensively predictable from the intentional stance?  
              **Or**       (b)   Are the contents of our thought fixed by their inferential roles?

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