

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II

Thursday 31 May 2012

09.00 to 12.00

Paper 2

PHILOSOPHY OF MIND

*Answer **three** questions only.*

Write the number of the question at the beginning of each answer.

The question 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 Do I get knowledge of my own mental states by observation? If so, by observation of what?
- 2 'I can be mistaken in sincere self-attribution of belief, but not in a sincere self-attribution of pain.' Discuss.
- 3 'Knowledge of other minds is always inferential.' Discuss.
- 4 Examine critically the claim that the problem of consciousness can be solved by examining the features of the 'phenomenal' concepts we use to think about consciousness.
- 5 How would you explain and defend the view that all consciousness is a form of mental representation or intentionality?
- 6 Can we think about things that do not exist? If so, how is this possible?
- 7 'Only human beings can genuinely think, because only human beings have language and genuine thought requires language.' Discuss.
- 8 Are thoughts in the head?
- 9 Critically examine the view that indexical and demonstrative thought plays an essential role in our thought and action.
- 10 'For a physicalist, only type-identity can secure the causal efficacy of the mental.' Discuss.
- *11 'Are you not really a behaviourist in disguise? Aren't you at bottom really saying that everything except human behaviour is a fiction?' (*Philosophical Investigations* §307). Explain why this question is being asked and why Wittgenstein responds as he does.

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