

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II

Friday 30 May 2008

09.00 to 12.00

Paper 4

HISTORY OF MODERN PHILOSOPHY

Answer **three** questions only.

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

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 'The representations of space cannot, therefore, be empirically obtained from the relations of outer appearance' (KANT). Explain and discuss.
- 2 What has the transcendental unity of apperception got to do with the Kantian categories?
- 3 'Kant's distinction between appearances and things in themselves is fundamentally a distinction between two kinds of properties of things: relational and intrinsic.' Discuss.
- 4 Do Kant's Antinomies demonstrate the truth of transcendental idealism?
- 5 Is Hegel's absolute idealism superior to subjective idealism?
- 6 Is Hegel right to think that self-consciousness can be correctly understood only by reference to desire?
- 7 Evaluate Hegel's arguments against the view that political life should be understood primarily through concepts like 'self-preservation'.
- 8 Does Hegel give a 'true theodicy'?
- 9 Are Nietzsche's criticisms of Socrates telling?
- 10 Was Nietzsche right about the significance of tragedy?
- 11 Are there cogent reasons for thinking that moralities centred on the contrast between 'good' and 'bad' are superior to those centred on the contrast between 'good' and 'evil'?
- 12 Does Nietzsche have a convincing account of asceticism?

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