

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II

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Thursday 30 May 2019

09.00 – 12.00

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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.*

**STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS**

*20 page answer book × 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. 'Realism is not a semantic issue; so Putnam is wrong to argue against realism by criticising claims about truth and reference.' Do you agree?
2. EITHER: (a) Must a conceptual relativist think that conceptual relativism is true relative to some conceptual schemes but not to others? If so, is this a problem for conceptual relativism?  
  
OR: (b) 'It makes no sense to say what the objects of a theory are, beyond saying how to interpret or reinterpret that theory in another' (QUINE). Discuss.
3. What do transcendental arguments aim to show? Does any succeed?
4. How do linguistic considerations bear on the distinction between particulars and universals?
5. 'Universals are abstract entities.' What does this mean? Is it true?
6. Is the notion of agency needed to account for the temporal asymmetry of causation?
7. Is change possible without temporal flow?
8. In what ways is time different from space?
9. Does personal identity matter?
10. Are you different from the thinking animal sitting in your chair?

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