PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II

Tuesday 25 May 2004

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Paper 11

AESTHETICS

Answer three questions only.

Write the number of the question at the beginning of each answer. If you are answering the 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 Can I appreciate a work of art without understanding it?
- 2 Are there any important ways in which natural beauty is different from the beauty of works of art?
- 3 **Either** (*a*) Can an aesthetically satisfactory work of art be morally reprehensible?
 - **Or** (*b*) Can the contemplation of great art be immoral?
- 4 What, if anything, provides the standard of correctness in critical interpretation?
- 5 What is a picture?
- 6 What can philosophy contribute to solving the problems raised by the expression of emotion through instrumental music?
- 7 Is there a role for the imagination in the appreciation of art?
- 8 Is Plato right to structure his discussion of art around the relation of art to knowledge?
- 9 On what grounds would Hume allow us to question the judgement of taste of a recognised critic?
- 10 Is Hegel right to think there is a close connection between art and religion?

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