PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II

Friday 24 May 2019

09.00 - 12.00

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.

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. Do we have privileged access to our own mental states?
- 2. We can think about things that don't exist. Does this mean intentionality cannot be reductively explained?
- 3. Do our ascriptions of mental states to others presuppose acts of mental simulation?
- 4. If I don't know what water is, can I think about water?
- 5. EITHER: (a) It seems that there are some things it is impossible to learn from books. What, if anything, does this tell us about the nature of consciousness?

OR: (b) If physicalism were true, would zombies be inconceivable? Are they?

- 6. Can one intend to do something whilst believing one won't do it?
- 7. 'When I attend to my experiences, I end up attending to objects and properties outside my head. So, my experiences represent objects and properties outside my head.' Is this a sound argument for representationalism about consciousness?
- 8. Is there anything to the imagination besides mental images?
- 9. 'If John could not think first-person thoughts, he could not act for selfish reasons.' Is this true?
- 10. Under what conditions do two conscious experiences belong to the same mind?

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