

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II

Monday 27 May 2019

09.00 – 12.00

Paper 4

EUROPEAN PHILOSOPHY FROM KANT

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. EITHER: (a) Present one of Kant's arguments for Transcendental Idealism. Does it succeed?

OR: (b) 'The apodeictic certainty of all geometrical propositions, and the possibility of their a priori construction, is grounded in the a priori necessity of space' (KANT). Do you agree?
2. 'The principle [of the Analogies of Experience] is: experience is possible only through the representation of a necessary connection of perceptions' (KANT). Discuss in relation to one of the Analogies of Experience.
3. Does Kant show that the existence of objects in space outside me is a condition of the possibility of my being conscious of my existence as determined in time?
4. Is Kant's attack on rational psychology successful?
5. Is Hegel a realist?
6. 'Hegel's so-called "dialectical method" is too haphazard to warrant the title of a "methodology".' Discuss.
7. Can we have 'knowledge of the immediate or of what simply is'? (HEGEL)
8. EITHER: (a) Who does Hegel think wins the struggle between master and slave? Is he right?

OR: (b) To view freedom as the ability to 'do whatever one pleases' is a product of 'completely uneducated, crude, superficial thinking' (HEGEL). Discuss.
9. What good, if any, could come from a 'slave revolution in values'?
10. EITHER: (a) Can genealogy be philosophical?

OR: (b) 'Psychology is again the path to the fundamental problems' (NIETZSCHE). Do you agree?
11. 'There is no such thing as pessimistic art – Art affirms' (NIETZSCHE). Is Nietzsche right?
12. Is Nietzsche's perspectivism true?

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