

**PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IA**

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Friday 20 May 2016

13.30 – 16.30

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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 the either/or question, indicate the letter as well.*

**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. Could you outlive all of your memories?
2. Could something be a person at one time but not at another?
3. What testimony would convince you that a miracle had occurred?
4. 'Some philosophers have contended that the existence of evil is *logically inconsistent* with the existence of God. No one, I think, has succeeded in establishing such an extravagant claim.' Discuss.
5. If the lightning hadn't occurred, there wouldn't have been a fire. Does this mean that the lightning caused the fire?
6. 'In this case, then, the so-called cause is, and is known to be, an insufficient but necessary part of a condition which is itself unnecessary but sufficient for the result.' How plausible is this as a general account of causation?
7. Is there any good reason to think that the future will resemble the past?
8. Does Frank Jackson's example of Mary, the colour scientist, show that there are truths that escape any physicalist theory?
9. Is it an adequate response to the problem of free will to say that we cannot help but take the reactive stance, or that our lives will go better if we do so?
10. Would an agent with free will be able to break the laws of nature?

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