

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IB

Monday 28 May 2018

09.00 – 12.00

Paper 1

METAPHYSICS AND EPISTEMOLOGY

*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 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. Is number a primary quality?
2. Are colour concepts response-dependent?
3. EITHER (a) Are possible worlds abstract representations of ways this world might have been?

OR (b) 'When I say that Hilary Clinton might have won, I mean that *she* might have won, not that someone like her might have won. Therefore, Lewis's modal realism is false.' Is this a good argument?
4. EITHER (a) 'Water is a given phenomenon. Knowledge is not.' Discuss.

OR (b) What would be lost if we attributed true belief in place of knowledge?
5. What is justified belief?
6. Can you know that you have hands even if you cannot rule out that you are a brain in a vat?
7. Does the time-lag argument refute naïve realism about perception?
8. EITHER (a) 'There is no good reason for thinking that testimony is reliable. So, we do not have much of the knowledge we think we have.' Is this a good argument?

OR (b) Is suspension of judgement the correct way to respond to disagreements among experts?
9. How is philosophical knowledge possible?
10. Is inductive inference rational?

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