

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II

THURSDAY 31 May 2018

13.30 – 16.30

Paper 1

METAPHYSICS

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. 'A transcendental argument cannot be valid unless it has an idealist premise.' Discuss.
2. Is ontology culturally relative?
3. 'Putnam's internal realism must be mistaken, since if it were right, we could show that we are not all brains in vats.' Discuss.
4. Does reality comprise particulars or universals or both?
5. Are some objects more abstract than others?
6. EITHER (a) Does the asymmetry of causation favour an interventionist theory of causation over a counterfactual one?
OR (b) Is the notion of cause irreducible?
7. What makes the present moment special?
8. Can a material object survive the replacement of all its parts?
9. Could you have existed without being a human animal?
10. Does it matter whether there are necessary and sufficient conditions for personal identity?

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