

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II

TUESDAY 5 June 2018

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 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. Why does Kant think we have synthetic a priori knowledge of space? Do his reasons imply that space is ideal?
2. 'We have [...] defined the understanding in various different ways: as a spontaneity of knowledge (in distinction from the receptivity of sensibility), as a power of thought, as a faculty of concepts, or again of judgments. All these definitions, when they are adequately understood, are identical' (KANT). Discuss.
3. What is the purpose of Kant's contrast between our perception of a house and our perception of a moving boat? Does he succeed?
4. 'It must be possible for the "*I think*" to accompany all my representations' (KANT). Explain and evaluate the significance of this claim in Kant's Transcendental Deduction.
5. EITHER (a) What role(s) does *Geist* play in Hegel's philosophy?

OR (b) 'Spirit is ... the unity of the different independent self-consciousnesses ...: "I" that is "We" and "We" that is "I"' (HEGEL). Discuss.
6. What is wrong, according to Hegel, with an 'approach to the object' that is merely 'immediate or receptive'? Is he right?
7. Is the biggest problem with Hegel's dialectic the claim that 'negation' can issue in a 'positive result'?
8. What is most attractive about Hegel's conception of freedom?
9. EITHER (a) What role, if any, does 'honesty' play in Nietzsche's epistemology

OR (b) What role, if any, does 'honesty' play in Nietzsche's aesthetics?
10. Should we accept Nietzsche's claim that 'only that which has no history can be defined'?
11. How would you convince Nietzsche that you are not a slave?
12. 'What is good? – Everything that enhances people's feeling of power, will to power, power itself.' (NIETZSCHE) Discuss.

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