

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II

Wednesday 25 May 2016

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.

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. Does geometry confirm Kant's transcendental idealism?
2. EITHER (a) What is experience according to Kant?
OR (b) 'Everything that happens...presupposes something upon which it follows according to a rule.' (KANT). Discuss.
3. 'The transcendental dialectic...can never bring it about that transcendental illusion...should ever disappear and cease to be an illusion (KANT).' Discuss.
4. Critically assess Kant's analysis of freedom in the Antinomies.
5. 'The very idea of a "non-metaphysical" Hegel is absurd.' Discuss.
6. What is Hegel's purpose in the Sense-Certainty chapter of the *Phenomenology*? Does he succeed?
7. Is Hegel right to think that self-consciousness requires recognition?
8. EITHER (a) Assess Hegel's critique of the arbitrary will (*Willkür*).
OR (b) 'The abstract concept of the idea of the will is in general the free will which wills the free Will.' (Hegel). What does this mean? Is it plausible?
9. Does Nietzsche's view of the nature and significance of tragedy imply a pessimistic view of life?
10. What, according to Nietzsche, is wrong with the ascetic ideal? Is he right?
11. 'Nietzsche is more of a psychologist than a philosopher.' Discuss.
12. 'There is *only* a perspectival seeing, *only* a perspectival "knowing"' (Nietzsche). Is this true? How do you know?

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