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Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

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If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.

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Choose **one** of Topics 1 to 3.

Answer **two** questions.

You must answer **both** parts of the question in Section A and **one** question from Section B for the Topic you have chosen.

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Topic 1 Philosophy of Mind

Answer Question 1 **and** either Question 2 **or** Question 3.

Section A

"I enter the Teletransporter. I have been to Mars before, but only by the old method, a space-ship journey taking several weeks. This machine will send me at the speed of light. I merely have to press the green button. Like others, I am nervous. Will it work? I remind myself what I have been told to expect. When I press the button, I shall lose consciousness, and then wake up at what seems a moment later. In fact I shall have been unconscious for about an hour. The Scanner here on Earth will destroy my brain and body, while recording the exact states of all my cells. It will then transmit this information by radio. Travelling at the speed of light, the message will take three minutes to reach the Replicator on Mars. This will then create, out of new matter, a brain and body exactly like mine. It will be in this body that I shall wake up.

Though I believe that this is what will happen, I still hesitate. But then I remember seeing my wife grin when, at breakfast today, I revealed my nervousness. As she reminded me, she has been often teletransported, and there is nothing wrong with *her*. I press the button. As predicted, I lose and seem at once to regain consciousness, but in a different cubicle. Examining my new body, I find no change at all. Even the cut on my upper lip, from this morning's shave, is still there.

Several years pass, during which I am often Teletransported. I am now back in the cubicle, ready for another trip to Mars. But this time, when I press the green button, I do not lose consciousness. There is a whirring sound, then silence. I leave the cubicle, and say to the attendant: 'It's not working. What did I do wrong?'

'It's working', he replies, handing me a printed card. This reads: 'The New Scanner records your blueprint without destroying your brain and body. We hope that you will welcome the opportunities which this technical advance offers.'

The attendant tells me that I am one of the first people to use the New Scanner. He adds that, if I stay for an hour, I can use the Intercom to see and talk to myself on Mars.

'Wait a minute', I reply, 'If I'm here I can't *also* be on Mars'.

Someone politely coughs, a white-coated man who asks to speak to me in private. We go to his office, where he tells me to sit down, and pauses. Then he says: 'I'm afraid that we're having problems with the New Scanner. It records your blueprint just as accurately, as you will see when you talk to yourself on Mars. But it seems to be damaging the cardiac systems which it scans. Judging from the results so far, though you will be quite healthy on Mars, here on Earth you must expect cardiac failure within the next few days.'

The attendant later calls me to the Intercom. On the screen I see myself just as I do in the mirror every morning. But there are two differences. On the screen I am not left-right reversed. And, while I stand here speechless, I can see and hear myself, in the studio on Mars, starting to speak."

[Extract from **Derek Parfit**: *Reasons and Persons*: Ch.10, WHAT WE BELIEVE OURSELVES TO BE, pp. 199–200]

- 1 (a) With reference to this passage, explain the questions that Parfit is raising about personal identity. [10]
- (b) Evaluate Parfit's reductionist view of persons. [15]

Section B

- 2 Critically examine the computational theory of mind. [25]

OR

- 3 'Nothing justifies our certainty that other people have minds.' Evaluate this claim. [25]

Topic 2 Ethics

Answer Question 4 **and** either Question 5 **or** Question 6.

Section A

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[Extract from **John-Paul Sartre**: *Existentialism and Humanism*, pp. 36–37]

- 4 (a) With reference to this passage, outline what Sartre means by ‘abandonment’ and explain the relationship between abandonment and morality. [10]
- (b) Assess the importance of subjectivism for Sartre’s existentialist philosophy. [15]

Section B

- 5 Critically examine Kant’s theory of duty. [25]

OR

- 6 ‘We are never so defenceless against suffering as when we love.’ (Freud)
- Evaluate this claim with reference to applied ethics. [25]

Topic 3 Old Testament: Prophecy

Answer Question 7 **and** either Question 8 **or** Question 9.

Section A

- ¹ When Ephraim spoke, there was trembling;
 he was exalted in Israel;
 but he incurred guilt through Baal and died.
- ² And now they keep on sinning
 and make a cast image for themselves,
 idols of silver made according to their understanding,
 all of them the work of artisans.
 ‘Sacrifice to these’, they say.
 People are kissing calves!
- ³ Therefore they shall be like the morning mist
 or like the dew that goes away early,
 like chaff that swirls from the threshing-floor
 or like smoke from a window.
- ⁴ Yet I have been the LORD your God
 ever since the land of Egypt;
 you know no God but me,
 and besides me there is no saviour.
- ⁵ It was I who fed you in the wilderness,
 in the land of drought.
- ⁶ When I fed them, they were satisfied;
 they were satisfied, and their heart was proud;
 therefore they forgot me.
- ⁷ So I will become like a lion to them,
 like a leopard I will lurk beside the way.
- ⁸ I will fall upon them like a bear robbed of her cubs,
 and will tear open the covering of their heart;
 there I will devour them like a lion,
 as a wild animal would mangle them.
- ⁹ I will destroy you, O Israel;
 who can help you?
- ¹⁰ Where now is your king, that he may save you?
 Where in all your cities are your rulers,
 of whom you said,
 ‘Give me a king and rulers’?
- ¹¹ I gave you a king in my anger,
 and I took him away in my wrath.
- ¹² Ephraim’s iniquity is bound up;
 his sin is kept in store.
- ¹³ The pangs of childbirth come for him,
 but he is an unwise son;
 for at the proper time he does not present himself
 at the mouth of the womb.

[Hosea 13: 1–13 NRSV]

- 7 (a) With reference to this passage, explain the basis for Hosea's proclamation of judgement. [10]
- (b) 'The writing prophets relied entirely upon more ancient traditions, offering no new insight or revelation.' Assess this claim. [15]

Section B

- 8 Critically assess the significance of the call of the prophets. [25]

OR

- 9 'The primary message of the writing prophets concerns the person and character of God.' Evaluate this claim. [25]

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