

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IB

Friday 22 May 2009

09.00 to 12.00

Paper 1

METAPHYSICS AND PHILOSOPHY OF MIND

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 Can the content of sense perception be outside the mind of the perceiver?
- 2 Can the concept of knowledge be analysed?
- 3 **Either** (a) 'If two individuals are alike mentally then they are alike justificationaly'. Discuss.
Or (b) What, if anything, do Evil Demon problems tell us about the nature of epistemic justification?
- 4 How can a factual statement be known to be true a priori without the help of a special evidence-gathering faculty of rational intuition?
- 5 **Either** (a) 'The Correspondence Theory allows for the application of the concept of truth to non-linguistic items such as maps and perceptions whereas the Redundancy Theory does not. Therefore we should prefer the Correspondence Theory.' Discuss.
Or (b) Is it folly to try to define truth?
- 6 Might pain not have been pain?
- 7 **Either** (a) What should a functionalist say about qualia?
Or (b) Why should we care about those mental states and processes that outrun behavioural dispositions?
- 8 **Either** (a) Could there be psychophysical causation without psychophysical laws?
Or (b) Does anomalous monism depend on a particular theory of events?
- 9 Could the running of a computer programme constitute understanding?
- 10 Is there anything that all and only mental states have in common?

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