

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IB

Monday 25 May 2015

13.30 – 16.30

Paper 1

METAPHYSICS AND EPISTEMOLOGY

*Answer **three** questions only.*

Write the number of the question at the beginning of each answer. If you are answering the 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. Should epistemic peers suspend judgment where they disagree?
2. Can there be non-analytic a priori knowledge? If so, how?
3. Are internalists about justification committed to scepticism about many of our everyday beliefs? If so, is this a problem for them?
4. 'If externalism about justification is true, then the justification of an agent's beliefs can depend on factors of which the agent is unaware. So externalism about justification is false.' Discuss.
5. Is there any good reason to think that knowledge is unanalysable?
6. EITHER (a) 'The argument from illusion shows that we cannot perceive the mind-independent world.' Discuss.

OR

- (b) 'Because we directly perceive sense-data, we don't directly perceive mind-independent objects.' Discuss.
7. Do sceptical arguments make unreasonable assumptions about knowledge?
8. Suppose you believe that p. Do practical interests influence whether you also know that p?
9. Are there any decisive objections to dispositionalism about colour?
10. 'Any plausible version of fictionalism about possible worlds will end up having the same ontological commitments as views which hold that worlds are abstract objects.' Discuss.

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