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for Internal Students
PHILOSOPHY NEW REGULATIONS

LOGIC AND METAPHYSICS

Answer THREE questions.

1. 'If the mind is not physical, then it can have no physical effects. But if the mind is physical, then consciousness is inexplicable.' Discuss.
2. What is an event?
3. EITHER (a) What is it for an object to persist through time?

OR (b) Can two material objects be in the same place at the same time?
4. Is possession of the same living body either a necessary or a sufficient condition for personal identity?
5. How, if at all, can you tell that X is the same thing in two different possible worlds in which X exists?
6. 'There is something that a blue shirt, a blue eye and a blue sea have in common.'
Does the truth of this claim entail the existence of universals?
7. 'In order to say that unicorns do not exist, there must in some sense be unicorns.'
Discuss.
8. EITHER (a) Are proper names synonymous with definite descriptions?

OR (b) If the sentences 'a=a' and 'a=b' differ in cognitive value, do they differ in meaning?
9. Does Strawson offer a cogent argument against Russell's theory of descriptions?
10. Are there any contingent a priori truths?
11. 'Truth is a substantive but indefinable property of what we say.' Discuss.
12. 'It is possible to travel forward in time, but not backwards in time.' Discuss.
13. Is it possible to dispense with talk of possible worlds in analysing subjunctive conditionals?

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14. EITHER (a) Is there any more to causation than constant conjunction?

OR (b) What sorts of things are the relata of the causal relation?

15. Is free will compatible with determinism?

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