

M.A. EXAMINATION 2003

for Internal Students

PHILOSOPHY

Philosophy of Psychology

Friday, 30 May: 10.00 - 1.00.

Answer THREE questions. Avoid overlap in your answers.

1. EITHER (a) Does Freud have good grounds for his claims about dreams, and how good are they?
OR (b) Do Freud's explanations of dreams and/or symptoms represent them as governed by reason?
2. What light do the findings of neuroscience cast on human emotions and/or dreams?
3. Can connectionism explain the systematicity of cognition?
4. Is the mind massively modular?
5. What is nativism? To what extent is it true of humans?
6. 'The claim that most lexical concepts have definitional structure is entirely without plausibility.' Discuss.
7. What role, if any, should evolutionary considerations play in constructing a theory of mind?
8. 'The dispute between theory theory and simulation accounts of our understanding of the minds of others is just a dispute about the labels to be applied to this competence and nothing more.' Discuss.
9. How can the study of the structure of the human brain help elucidate the nature of visual awareness?

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10. 'Pathological case studies such as blindsight and visual form agnosia can only tell us about the damaged human brain and nothing about the normal function of visual cognition.' Discuss.
11. To what extent should commonsense psychology be taken as the basis for a scientific theory of the mind?
12. What account of intentional content best explains the appeal made to it in psychological explanations in cognitive psychology?
13. Assess Chomsky's grounds for holding that human beings have innate knowledge of universal grammar.

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