

**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON**  
**M PHIL EXAMINATIONS 2003**  
**for internal students**

**HUME**

Candidates should answer **THREE** of the following questions. Please avoid overlap in your answers.

1. Was Hume a verificationist?
2. How complete is Hume's scepticism about human knowledge?
3. 'Hume was right to think that he needed to say more about belief than his predecessors had done. But within his system there is nothing to say.' Discuss.
4. Given his understanding of the problem of causation, was Hume right to assign such importance to the detection of regularities?
5. What, if anything, did Hume establish about induction?
6. For Hume, could there be any rational grounds for believing that a miracle occurred?
7. 'Hume provides no plausible explanation of our belief in bodies, nor did he understand what that belief really was.' Do you agree?
8. Was Hume right to think that his discussion of the idea of the self was a failure?
9. How does Hume deal with the mind-body problem?
10. Examine Hume's discussion of the obligation to keep a promise.
11. Discuss Hume's critique of attempts to justify the state from an original contract.
12. How satisfactory is Hume's attempt to find 'a rule by which the various sentiments of men may be reconciled' ('Of the Standard of Taste')?
13. What, if anything, does Philo think that teleological arguments establish?
14. Critically discuss the role of sympathy in Hume's philosophy.

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