

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

**PHILOSOPHY OF PSYCHOLOGY**

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

1. Does visual cognition have an overall function?
2. “Innate” as used in psychology is a term without either a coherent meaning or a useful role.’  
Discuss.
3. What is the poverty of the stimulus argument and what does it establish about linguistic knowledge?
4. Can mental illness be understood as biological malfunction?
5. How does psychoanalytic explanation differ from that provided by commonsense psychology?
6. Can connectionism account for the systematicity of cognition?
7. Does evolutionary biology contribute to the understanding of the mind?
8. Are lexical concepts structured?
9. ‘Even granted the language of thought hypothesis, there is good reason to hold that many cognitive processes are not classical computational ones.’ Discuss.
10. Is the thesis that the mind is entirely composed of modular mechanisms incoherent?
11. Compare and contrast Freud’s and Chomsky’s accounts of unconscious mental states and processes.
12. Can neuroscience tell us anything about the nature of emotions?

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