

**BA EXAMINATION 2009**

for Internal Students

This paper is also taken by Combined Studies Students

**PHILOSOPHY**

Optional subject (c): Philosophy of Mind

**Tuesday, 5 May 2009: 10am – 1pm**

Answer THREE questions. Avoid overlap in your answers.

1. 'Anomalous monism resembles materialism in its claim that all events are physical, but rejects the thesis, usually considered essential to materialism, that mental phenomena can be given purely physical explanations' (Davidson). Discuss.
2. Does reflection on mental causation give us reasons to believe in the psycho-physical identity theory or reasons to reject it?
3. If mental states are 'multiply realisable', does it follow that they cannot be identified with brain states?
4. EITHER (a) 'Some psychological categories are functional but others are not.' Do you agree?  
  
OR (b) 'Functionalism tells us no more than behaviourism about the nature of pain.' Discuss.
5. EITHER (a) Is there an adequate physicalist account of qualia?  
  
OR (b) 'Someone could know all the physical facts about being in pain without knowing everything about pain, since they might not know what it is like to be in pain. Therefore not all the facts about pain are physical facts.' Evaluate this argument.
6. How do we know, when we are in pain, that we are in pain?

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7. What is an emotion?
8. Is there a plausible philosophical analysis of intentionality?
9. Is there a mark of the mental? What important implications follow from the answer?
10. Can there be a satisfactory naturalistic account of the nature of intentional states?
11. Can content internalism give an adequate account of the difference between my beliefs about water and my Twin's beliefs about twater?
12. Can propositional attitudes correctly be attributed to non-linguistic creatures?
13. What role, if any, can the notion of radical interpretation play in a satisfactory account of propositional attitude states?
14. Can the existence of other minds be known directly or only inferred?
15. Are actions best explained as caused by agents, mental states, or something else?

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