

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

BA EXAMINATION

for Internal Students

This Paper is also taken by Combined Studies Students

PHILOSOPHY

Optional Subject (1): The Philosophy of Kant

Answer THREE questions, at least ONE from EACH section.

SECTION A

1. Explain and assess Kant's claim that there can be only one space and one time.
2. Did Kant neglect the possibility that space and time could pertain both to the forms of intuition and to things in themselves?
3. What, if anything, is achieved by the Metaphysical Deduction?
4. How are self-consciousness and objectivity connected by the argument of the Transcendental Deduction?
5. EITHER (a) What is the difference between Kant's transcendental idealism and Berkeley's position? Did Kant consistently recognise the difference?

OR (b) Does Kant succeed in refuting scepticism about the external world?
6. What is the Principle of Causality which Kant tries to prove? How successful is he?
7. What, according to Kant, is wrong with the claim that the soul is a simple substance enduring through time? Is he right?
8. Does the Antinomy of Pure Reason establish the truth of transcendental idealism?
9. Does Kant give a plausible account of free will?

10. What role has the idea of God in Kant's philosophy?

SECTION B

11. 'Kant's theory of morality stands or falls with his notion of freedom'. Discuss.

12. In what sense, if any, are we members of the kingdom of ends?

13. 'The categorical imperative cannot tell us what we ought to do'. Discuss.

14. What, according to Kant, legitimates the claim to universal assent made by a judgement of taste?

15. Why, for Kant, is beauty the symbol of morality?

16. How, if at all, can Kant's account of judgements of taste accommodate both natural and artistic beauty?

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