

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. What does Kant mean by claiming that space and time are (a) a priori and
(b) intuitions? Assess his arguments.

2. What does Kant achieve in the Metaphysical Deduction?

3. EITHER (a) What is the aim of the Transcendental Deduction? Does
it succeed?

OR (b) Expound and discuss Kant's notion of the transcendental unity
of apperception.

4. Does Kant succeed in refuting scepticism about the external world?

5. Does Kant succeed in showing that we have to conceptualise the world in terms of substance?

6. Is the doctrine of transcendental idealism coherent?
7. EITHER (a) Critically assess Kant's notion of 'transcendental illusion'.
OR (b) Explain and discuss Kant's distinction between 'ideas of
reason' and 'pure concepts of the understanding.'
8. Critically discuss Kant's account of human freedom.
9. Does Kant show that theoretical reason gives no grounds for belief in the existence
of a deity?

SECTION B

10. Critically discuss what Kant means by saying that persons are ends in themselves.
11. What role is played by concepts of immortality and God in Kant's account of
practical reason?
12. Can the categorical imperative ever tell us what we must do?
13. Explain and discuss Kant's view of the relation between aesthetic and moral value.
14. Does Kant succeed in showing that judgements of taste are universally valid?
15. Does Kant have a univocal account of beauty?

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