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MA Examination
for Internal Students

PHILOSOPHY

Logic and Metaphysics

Wednesday 21 May 2008: 2.30 – 5.30pm

Candidates should answer **THREE** questions. Avoid overlap in your answers.

1. How should we explain the fact that all red things have something in common?
2. Is there a real distinction between universals and particulars, and if so, how should it be drawn?
3. What are tropes? Do we have good reason to suppose such entities exist?
4. 'For, since all things that exist are only particulars, how come we by general terms?' (Locke). How would you answer Locke's question?
5. What can be said in favour of Hume's claim that a cause is 'an object, followed by another, and where all the objects, similar to the first, are followed by objects similar to the second'? What can be said against it?
6. Expound and assess the significance of the phenomenon of pre-emption for the counterfactual analysis of causation.
7. Are all causes events?
8. What is the significance of the distinction between referential and attributive uses of definite descriptions?
9. Explain Frege's distinction between sense and reference, and show how it is supposed to apply to singular terms, predicates and sentences.
10. How can a word refer to something that does not exist?
11. Can the name 'Gödel' be synonymous with the description 'the person who first proved the incompleteness of arithmetic'?
12. Is there any sense in which Hesperus might not have been Phosphorus?
13. Can meaning and reference be explained purely in terms of a speaker's internal states?

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