

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

MA PHILOSOPHY OLD REGULATIONS
for Internal Students

BRITISH EMPIRICISM

Tuesday, 12 September 2000: 10.00 - 1.00

Answer THREE questions.

1. Is it a fair criticism of Locke to say that the content of his simple ideas cannot be distinguished from the phenomenal character of our sensations?
2. Can Locke justifiably claim that we have perceptual knowledge of particular substances and their states?
3. Is Locke's account of personal identity convincing?
4. How successful is Berkeley's argument against the contention that 'to exist is one thing, to be perceived is another'?
5. With what justification can Berkeley claim, given the rest of his views, that 'the colours are really in the tulip which I see' and 'it cannot be denied that this tulip may exist independent of your mind or mine'?
6. Is Berkeley's rejection of independently existing material objects consistent with his acceptance of mental substances?
7. Can Hume explain how we have the idea of 'the missing shade of blue'?
8. Hume remarks, 'It is a common observation that the mind has a great propensity to spread itself on external objects'. Examine one instance in which Hume bases his discussion on that common observation.
9. Give and examine Hume's view of induction.
10. What do you take to be the best reply to Hume's claims about miracles?

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