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MA PHILOSOPHY OLD REGULATIONS
for Internal Students

EPISTEMOLOGY & METHODOLOGY

Wednesday, 13 September 2000: 10.00 - 1.00

Answer THREE questions.

1. Outline and analyse the argument from illusion. Does it give us good reason to think we have no knowledge of the external world?

2. To have knowledge that p must I believe that p?

3. What is the importance to epistemology of distinguishing between externalist and internalist accounts of knowledge?

4. EITHER (a) What is the best response to traditional scepticism about induction?

OR (b) What is the relation between the traditional problem of induction and the grue paradox?

5. Can a yellow lemon confirm the hypothesis that all crows are black?

6. Do all scientific explanations involve a covering law?

7. 'To know is just to track the truth.' Discuss.

8. 'The goal of belief is truth. Reasonable belief is belief produced by methods which are effective vis-à-vis the goal of belief. So reliabilism is true.' Discuss.

9. What is wrong with the Justified-True-Belief account of knowledge?

10. 'Reasons have to stop somewhere. So foundationalism is right and coherentism is wrong.' Discuss.

11. Should rational degrees of belief satisfy the probability calculus?

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12. 'If I were a brain in a vat, I couldn't think that I am a brain in a vat. I can so think. So I'm not a brain in a vat.' Discuss.

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