

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

MA PHILOSOPHY
for Internal Students

KANT

Tuesday 14th September 1999
10.00 – 13.00

Answer THREE questions

1. Does Kant succeed in explaining how it is possible that there should be synthetic truths that we know a priori?
2. What does Kant mean in claiming that space and time are “forms of intuition”? Of what philosophical importance is this claim?
3. What is Kant’s aim in the Transcendental Deduction? Does he achieve his aim?
4. Explain and assess the argument about substance in the First Analogy.
5. Examine the philosophical mistake about the self that Kant claims to expose in the Paralogisms. (You may focus on any of the Paralogisms.)
6. Does Kant solve the traditional problem of free will?
7. Does Kant believe that immoral actions are necessarily irrational actions?
8. What objections can be raised against Kant's notion that we have duties to ourselves? Can Kant defend himself against these objections?
9. Explain and evaluate the role which the Categorical Imperative is intended to play in ethical reflection.
10. Can Kant consistently hold that a judgement of taste is true or false and yet does not bring its object under a concept?
11. What role, according to Kant, do teleological concepts play in scientific thought?

12. Is it possible that there should be “religion within the limits of reason alone”?

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