

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

MA PHILOSOPHY OLD REGULATIONS
for Internal Students

LOGIC & METAPHYSICS

Friday, 15 September 2000: 10.00 - 1.00

Answer THREE questions.

1. Is there a real distinction between particulars and universals?
2. 'A possible world is a philosophical fiction.' Discuss.
3. 'If having the molecular structure H₂O constitutes the essence of water, then the water I am drinking right now, could not fail to have the molecular structure H₂O.' Discuss.
4. Assess the view that material objects have temporal parts.
5. Is psychological continuity either necessary or sufficient for personal identity?
6. How, if at all, should we distinguish the death of Caesar from the fact that Caesar died?
7. 'We may define a cause to be an object followed by another ... where if the first object had not been, the second never had existed.' Discuss.
8. The death of Queen Anne is more past today than it was yesterday. Should we count this as an instance of real change?
9. Is 'exists' a predicate?
10. Can the distinction between referential and attributive uses of definite descriptions be captured as a semantic distinction?
11. 'In spite of the fact that "Cicero" and "Tully" name the same person, "Cicero was an orator" and "Tully was an orator" differ in cognitive significance. Therefore these two sentences express different propositions.' Discuss.
12. 'Truth is correspondence with the facts.' Discuss.

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