

**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON**  
**M PHIL EXAMINATIONS 2005**  
**for internal students**

**DAVIDSON**

Candidates should answer THREE of the following questions. Please avoid overlap in your answers.

1. Is Davidson's account of self-knowledge satisfactory?
2. What role does Davidson take triangulation to play? Can it play this role?
3. 'The biggest gap in Davidson's account of knowledge is its neglect of the role of experience.' Discuss.
4. To what extent does Davidson's view of the role of theories of truth change between 'Truth and Meaning' and 'The Structure and Content of Truth'? Is any such change an improvement?
5. 'Davidson's anomalous monism depends on too austere a conception of causation and what there is to be an adequate defence of physicalism.' Discuss.
6. Why does Davidson deny that there is such a thing as a language? Is he right?
7. Does Davidson offer convincing arguments for the existence of events?
8. Is Davidson right to think that it is a folly to define truth?
9. 'Davidson's account of indirect speech is faulty. It can only be fixed by the invocation of propositions.' Discuss.
10. In what, if any, sense is Davidson a psychological externalist? To what extent is his position superior to other forms of externalism?
11. 'Davidson doesn't really offer an account of *self*-deception.' Discuss.
12. 'Davidson never succeeds in explaining the role of the agent in action.' Discuss.

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