

**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON**  
**M PHIL EXAMINATIONS 2003**  
**for internal students**

**LEWIS**

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

1. How, and how well, does Lewis argue that possible worlds are universes?
2. Why does Lewis think that the person you would have been, had things been different, isn't strictly speaking you? Is he right?
3. Evaluate Lewis' argument for a four-dimensionalist account of material objects.
4. Assess Lewis' solution to Newcombe's paradox.
5. Does Lewis successfully reconcile his version of the identity theory with the possibility of Martian pain?
6. 'In his later writings on causation, Lewis abandoned the counterfactual analysis.' Discuss.
7. 'Lewis' treatment of "might" counterfactuals, and of the law of conditional excluded middle, is indefensible, because it conflates metaphysical modalities with epistemic modalities.' Discuss.
8. Expound and assess Lewis' theory of vagueness as semantic indecision.
9. Are the conventions of truthfulness and trust sufficient to found the actual language relation?
10. 'The Principal Principle is intuitive but false; and its reformulation, though perhaps true, is unintuitive.' Discuss.
11. 'Mathematics is megethology.' What does this mean? Is it true?
12. Is knowledge as 'elusive' as Lewis claims it is?
13. Does Lewis show that we can do without universals in metaphysics?
14. 'There is nothing more significant in a second-order desire than in a first-order desire in explaining value.' Discuss.

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