

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

M.Phil. EXAMINATION
for Internal Students

PHILOSOPHY

Nietzsche

Tuesday, 8 May 2007: 10.00 – 13.00

Candidates should answer **THREE** of the following **TEN** questions, avoiding overlap in their answers, also between papers.

1. In what sense, if any, can Nietzsche be said to be engaging in constructive philosophy?
2. Is Nietzsche's perspectivism a denial of the existence of truth?
3. To what extent does Nietzsche's revaluation of value depend on the accuracy of his account of human nature?
4. 'The truth of the doctrine of eternal recurrence is irrelevant to Nietzsche's philosophical project.' Discuss.
5. EITHER (a) '*On the Genealogy of Morals* shows that science is a form of the ascetic ideal.' Discuss.

OR (b) 'I have every respect for the ascetic ideal *in so far as it is honest*' (Nietzsche). Discuss.
6. 'The antithesis of the apparent world and the true world is reduced to the antithesis "world" and "nothing"'. What does Nietzsche mean by this? Can his claim be defended?
7. 'Christianity should have erected the innocence of mankind as an article of faith' (Nietzsche). Discuss.
8. Does Nietzsche's conception of the world as will to power help to refute nihilism?
9. Did Nietzsche correctly diagnose in Socratic philosophy an exaggerated reliance on the Apollonian point of view?
10. Is Nietzsche right to argue that art and knowledge are in opposition to each other?

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