

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON
M PHIL EXAMINATIONS 2004
for internal students

HEIDEGGER

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

1. How should we understand the 'question of Being' that Heidegger introduces in *Being and Time*?
2. Outline and critically discuss Heidegger's conception of phenomenology in *Being and Time*.
3. 'If knowing is to be possible as a way of determining the presence-at-hand by observing it, then there must first be a *deficiency* in our having-to-do with the world concernfully' (*Being and Time*). Discuss.
4. 'The fundamental nature of *Dasein* is always to be in a world.' Discuss.
5. Outline and critically discuss the significance that Heidegger accords to the phenomenon of 'state-of-mind' (*Befindlichkeit*) in *Being and Time*.
6. 'Idle talk is the possibility of understanding everything without previously making the thing one's own' (*Being and Time*). Discuss.
7. How coherent is Heidegger's account of death?
8. What are the ethical implications, if any, of Heidegger's account of authenticity?
9. What, for Heidegger, is the value of art?
10. Does Heidegger have anything useful to say about the sciences?
11. Heidegger held that 'the essential thinker thinks only one thought'. Discuss this principle of interpretation with reference to Heidegger's treatment of EITHER Kant OR Nietzsche.
12. Outline and discuss Heidegger's critical attitude towards 'humanism'.

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