

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON
M PHIL EXAMINATIONS 2004
for internal students

PHENOMENOLOGY

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

1. How does Husserl, having placed the world in brackets, reconstruct it?
2. Explain and evaluate Husserl's investigation of 'apodictic evidence'.
3. Explain and critically discuss Husserl's distinction between the psychological Ego and the transcendental Ego.
4. 'To work out the question of Being adequately, we must make an entity – the inquirer – transparent in his own Being' (Heidegger). Discuss.
5. How, if at all, can *Being and Time* be regarded as a work of phenomenology?
6. Outline and evaluate Heidegger's response to the so-called 'problem of other minds'.
7. Outline and evaluate Sartre's account of nothingness.
8. 'Paradoxically, Sartre both denies the existence of the self and accords it an absolute status.' Discuss.
9. 'Sartre's account of bad faith fails to resolve any of the difficulties that he finds in the concept of self-deception.' Discuss.
10. What ontological conclusions does Merleau-Ponty draw from his account of perception? Are they justified?
11. 'Consciousness is in the first place not a matter of "I think" but of "I can"' (Merleau-Ponty). Discuss.
12. 'Phenomenology is doomed to solipsism.' Discuss.

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