DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY
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9014 PHILOSOPHY 1A: INTRODUCTION TO METAPHYSICS 1996

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION

NOVEMBER 1996

TIME: TWO HOURS

(In addition, candidates are allowed TEN minutes before the exam begins to read the paper)

ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS,

ONE FROM SECTION ONE AND ONE FROM SECTION TWO

ANSWER EACH QUESTION ON A SEPARATE PAGE

SECTION ONE: PHILOSOPHY OF MIND

1 Critically evaluate what you take to be the most plausible dualist solution to the mind-body problem. Can this version of dualism adequately account for the mental causation of physical behaviour?

2 Critically evaluate the type identity theory as a solution to the mind-body problem. What does it mean to say that the type identity theory is excessively chauvinistic? Is this a major problem for the type identity theory?

3 Critically evaluate functionalism as a solution to the mind-body problem. Can functionalism adequately explain the qualitative features of mental phenomena?

SECTION TWO: PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

1 Critically examine the Cosmological Argument for the existence of God in both its first cause and contingency (self-existence) forms.

2 Discuss the Teleological / Design Argument for the existence of God. Is the theory of evolution needed in order to undermine this argument?

3 Would an all-good and all-powerful God permit evil in the world? Defend your answer.