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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For The Following Qualifications:-

B.A. B.Sc. B.Sc.(Econ)M.Sci.

Philosophy B5: General Introduction to Philosophy

COURSE CODE : PHILB005

UNIT VALUE : 0.50

DATE : 11-MAY-06

TIME : 14.30

TIME ALLOWED : 2 Hours

PHILOSOPHY B5 GENERAL INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY

Answer TWO questions. Avoid overlap in answers.

1. Distinguish between the cosmological argument and the design argument for God's existence. Which of these arguments, if either, is superior to the other?
2. Expound and assess the ontological argument for God's existence.
3. What is determinism? Is it compatible with the freedom of the will?
4. Explain Hume's view that causation is temporal succession plus constant conjunction. Is this a satisfactory account of causation?
5. 'There are red shoes, red cars etc.; but there is no such thing as *redness* as such.' Discuss this view.
6. 'No two things can be identical.' Discuss.
7. 'Since my psychological and physical states change over the years, how can I be exactly the same (numerically identical) person I was ten years ago?'
8. 'We know nothing about the external world'. Is there any good reason to say this?
9. What is the 'Gettier Problem'? Is there a solution to it?
10. If it should turn out that there is no knowledge would that be such a bad thing?
11. What is induction? Is it irrational to employ it?
12. Must any adequate theory of perception postulate sense-data?
13. What role does experience have in grounding our knowledge of the external world?
14. Can the idea of analytic truth explain the possibility of a priori knowledge?
15. Can idealism give a satisfactory account of the spatial world?

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