Philosophy
Distinction Course

General Instructions
• Reading time – 5 minutes
• Working time – 2 hours
• Write using black or blue pen

Total marks – 40
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Answer each question in a SEPARATE writing booklet. Extra writing booklets are available.

Question 1 — Time and Cause (10 marks)
(a) Do time travel stories about the past contradict themselves? Explain your answer.

OR

(b) What is the principle of bivalence and why do some philosophers believe that it delivers fatalism? Are they correct? Argue for your position.

Question 2 — Self-concept (10 marks)
(a) Will you be the same person at the age of 60 as you were at the age of 6? Discuss with reference to Locke and Reid.

OR

(b) Would you be the same person if you had a different body? Could you be a person at all without a body? Discuss.

Question 3 — Morality, Religion and Happiness (10 marks)
(a) ‘Moral rules are divine commands.’ Can there be morality without God? Discuss with reference to relevant philosophers.

OR

(b) Is there anything at all that ought never be done under any circumstances, regardless of the consequences? Discuss.

Question 4 — Reality and Credibility (10 marks)
(a) Does the fact that our senses sometimes deceive us mean that they can never deliver us knowledge of the external world? Discuss with reference to relevant philosophers.

OR

(b) Can we sensibly doubt our own existence? If so, why? If not, why not?

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