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ASSESSMENT TEST: Semester 2, 2007-2008  
STUDY UNIT: **PHI 1006 History of Philosophy**  
DATE: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June  
TIME: 18.00 – 20.00

*Please remember to write your name and surname as well as the question number on each foolscap.*

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Answer **one** question from each section

**Section A: Modern Philosophy**

1. Compare the views of Leibniz and Spinoza on substance.
2. Critically examine Locke's view that what we immediately perceive are always particular ideas existing in our own minds.
3. Why does Berkeley think that *esse est percipi* (to be is to be perceived)? Do you think he's right? Give reasons for your answer.
4. Examine Hume's account of causality and of our knowledge of the external world.
5. What did Kant's 'Copernican revolution' in philosophy consist of and what problems was it supposed to solve?

**Section B: Contemporary Philosophy**

6. "The starting points of continental philosophy and analytic philosophy differ radically." Discuss.
7. Discuss the way in which Wittgenstein develops Frege's ideas on language.
8. Existentialism is seen as originating in the work of Kierkegaard and Nietzsche. Why?
9. "Heidegger's philosophy is a reaction to Cartesian dualism." Discuss.
10. "The philosophy of Foucault shifts from the individual to the structure of social relations as the origin of meaning and value." Discuss.