



PHI 1006 History of Philosophy: Modern and Contemporary

9.15 – 11.15

Monday 6th June 2011

NO DICTIONARIES ALLOWED

Answer one question from each section.
Please use a separate script for each question.
(Each question carries 50 marks)

Section A: Modern Philosophy

1. How does Descartes move from an initial state of doubt to one of certainty in the *Meditations*?
2. Compare and contrast the views of Spinoza and Leibniz on substance.
3. What kind of problems arise from John Locke's claim that what we are in touch with in perception are ideas?
4. Why did Berkeley think that *esse est percipi* (to be is to be perceived)? Was he right in thinking so?
5. Describe and discuss Kant's 'Copernican Revolution' in philosophy.

Section B: Contemporary Philosophy

6. Discuss Nietzsche's influence on Michel Foucault.
7. Compare and contrast the philosophical ideas of M. Heidegger and J.P. Sartre.
8. Discuss the contribution of analytic philosophy to contemporary western philosophy.