UNIVERSITY OF MALTA
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JUNE 2011 SESSION EXAMINATIONS

PHI 2003 Metaphysics

16.45 – 19.45 **Friday 3rd June 2011**

NO DICTIONARIES ALLOWED

Answer any THREE questions.
(Each question carries 33 marks)

1. What is Metaphysics? Is it one inquiry or several? Give reasons for your answer.

2. How could Aristotle have responded to David Hume's account of causation? Would you have considered his 'response' to have been convincing?

3. In your view, could metaphysics do without analogical judgments? Give reasons for your answer.

4. With respect to the Cheshire cat, Alice remarks that she had often seen a cat without a grin but never a grin without a cat. How are substances and accidents related?

5. "For Aristotle, God is the first of all substances, the necessary first source of movement who is himself unmoved. God is a being with everlasting life, and perfect blessedness, engaged in never-ending contemplation". Explain and evaluate, as comprehensively as possible, Aristotle's line of argumentation for the existence of God.

6. Comment on the claim that "Thomas Aquinas' *five ways* are formally similar yet materially different in that they take up the four kinds of causation present in reality".

7. Explain, as fully as possible, and evaluate philosophically, any one of Thomas Aquinas' *five ways* of demonstrating the existence of God.