



PHI 2003 Metaphysics

16.45 – 19.45

Friday 15th June 2012

NO DICTIONARIES ALLOWED

Answer any **three** questions. (Each question carries 33 marks)

1. What is Metaphysics? Is it one inquiry or several? Can philosophy do without some form of metaphysical speculation?
- ② Outline and explain the similarities and differences between Aristotle's and John Locke's accounts of substance.
3. Why does Aristotle hold that 'being' is an analogous term? Do you agree with him on this point?
4. Why did Aristotle consider his theory of causality to be the backbone of his metaphysics?
- ⑤ Explain and evaluate, as comprehensively as possible, Aristotle's argument for the existence of God.
6. **Either**
 - (a) Elucidate the manner in which Aquinas' five ways could be seen to have a common structure. Why does Aquinas offer more than one way to demonstrate God's existence?

Or

 - ⑥ Explain, as fully as possible, and evaluate philosophically, any one of Thomas Aquinas' *five ways* for demonstrating the existence of God.