

National University of Ireland, Galway
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SUMMER EXAMINATIONS 2003/4

PHILOSOPHY

SECOND ARTS EXAMINATION

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Time: Two (2) hours

PI216 History of Modern Philosophy

Answer two questions.

1. In what ways was the Copernican Revolution revolutionary? Discuss.
2. How good a case does Francis Bacon's theory of idols make for a critique of prejudices? Discuss.
3. Does induction lead to a true "Interpretation of Nature" (F. Bacon). Discuss.
4. Discuss critically René Descartes' rules for the direction of the mind.
5. How good a case does Descartes' Method of Doubt make for laying the foundations of knowledge?
6. "What am I"? Discuss whether Descartes' answers to this question is sound or not.
7. How good a case does Descartes make for the existence of God?
8. Give an account of Locke's "fountains of knowledge" as described in Book II of his "Essay concerning Human Understanding".
9. Discuss critically Hume's theory of the idea of necessary connection.
10. What is "transcendental Philosophy"? Discuss.

11. Explain Kant's claim that the senses never enable us to know "things in themselves", but only "appearances".
12. Explain Kant's notions of Time or Space.
13. Why does Kant introduce the "analytic-synthetic"/"apriori-aposteriori" distinctions? Discuss.