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一. 哲學英文:

1, 請盡可能以直譯的方式中譯以下段落: (25%)

But if the mere fact that I can produce from my thought the idea of something entails that everything which I clearly and distinctly perceive to belong to that thing really does belong to it, is not this a possible basis for another argument to prove the existence of God? Certainly, the idea of God, or a supremely perfect being, is one which I find within me just as surely as the idea of any shape or number. And my understanding that it belongs to his nature that he always exists is no less clear and distinct than is the case when I prove of any shape or number that some property belongs to its nature. Hence, even if it turned out that not everything on which I have meditated in these past days is true, I ought still to regard the existence of God as having at least the same level of certainty as I have hitherto attributed to the truths of mathematics.

At first sight, however, this is not transparently clear, but has some appearance of being a sophism. Since I have been accustomed to distinguish between existence and essence in everything else, I find it easy to persuade myself that existence can also be separated from the essence of God, and hence that God can be thought of as not existing. But when I concentrate more carefully, it is quite evident that existence can no more be separated from the essence of God than the fact that its three angles equal two right angles can be separated from the essence of a triangle, or than the idea of a mountain can be separated from the idea of a valley. Hence it is just as much of a contradiction to think of God (that is, a supremely perfect being) lacking existence (that is, lacking a perfection), as it is to think of a mountain without a valley. (From: Descartes: Selected Philosophical Writings, Translated by John Cottingham, Robert Stoothoff, and Dugald Murdoch, Cambridge, U.K.; New York: Cambridge University Press, 1988)

2,請以中文陳述以下段落中的主要論點。(25%)

[The motive of duty]

I will here pass over all actions already recognized as contrary to duty, however useful they may be with a view to this or that end; for about these the question does not even arise whether they could have been done for the sake of duty inasmuch as they are directly opposed to it. I will also set aside actions which in fact accord with duty, yet for which men have no immediate inclination, but perform them because impelled to do so by some other inclination. For there it is easy to decide whether the action which accords with duty has been done from duty or from some purpose of self-interest. This distinction is far more difficult to perceive when the action accords with duty and the subject has in addition an immediate inclination to the action. For example, it certainly accords with duty that a grocer should not overcharge his inexperienced customer; and where there is much competition a sensible shopkeeper refrains from so doing and keeps to a fixed and general price for everybody so that a child can buy from him just as well as anyone else. Thus people are served honestly; but this is not nearly enough to justify us in believing that the shopkeeper has acted in this way from duty or from principles of fair dealing; his interests

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required him to do so. We cannot assume him to have in addition an immediate inclination towards his customers, leading him, as it were out of love, to give no man preference over another in the matter of price. Thus the action was done neither from duty nor from immediate inclination, but solely from purposes of self-interest.

On the other hand, to preserve one's life is a duty, and besides this every one has also an immediate inclination to do so. But on account of this the often anxious precautions taken by the greater part of mankind for this purpose have no inner worth, and the maxim of their action is without moral content. They do protect their lives in conformity with duty, but not from the motive of duty. When on the contrary, disappointments and hopeless misery have quite taken away the taste for life; when a wretched man, strong in soul and more angered at his fate than fainted-hearted or cast down, longs for death and still preserves his life without loving it—not from inclination or fear but from duty; then indeed his maxim has a moral content.

To help others where one can is a duty, and besides this there are many spirits of so sympathetic a temper that, without any further motive of vanity or self-interest, they find an inner pleasure in spreading happiness around them and can take delight in the contentment of others as their own work. Yet I maintain that in such a case an action of this kind, however right and however amiable it may be, has still no genuinely moral worth. It stands on the same footing as other inclinations—for example, the inclination for honour, which if fortunate enough to hit on something beneficial and right and consequently honourable, deserves praise and encouragement, but not esteem; for its maxim lacks moral content, namely, the performance of such actions, not from inclination, but from duty. Suppose then that the mind of this friend of man were overclouded by sorrows of his own which extinguished all sympathy with the fate of others, but that he still had power to help those in distress, though no longer stirred by the need of others because sufficiently occupied with his own; and suppose that, when no longer moved by any inclination, he tears himself out of this deadly insensibility and does the action without any inclination for the sake of duty alone; then for the first time his action has its genuine moral worth. Still further: if nature had implanted little sympathy in this or that man's heart; if (being in other respects an honest fellow) he were cold in temperament and indifferent to the sufferings of others—perhaps because, being endowed with the special gift of patience and robust endurance in his own sufferings, he assumed the like in others or even demanded it; if such a man (who would in truth not be the worst product of nature) were not exactly fashioned by her to be a philanthropist, would he not still find in himself a source from which he might draw a worth far higher than any that a good-natured temperament can have? Assuredly he would. It is precisely in this that the worth of character begins to show—a moral worth and beyond all comparison the highest—namely, that he does good, not from inclination, but from duty.

To assure one's own happiness is a duty (at least indirectly); for discontent with one's state, in a press of cares and amidst unsatisfied wants, might easily become a great temptation to the transgression of duty. But here also, apart from regard to duty, all men have already of themselves the strongest and deepest inclination towards happiness, because precisely in this Idea of happiness all inclinations are combined into a sum total. The prescription for happiness is, however, often so constituted as greatly to interfere with some inclinations, and yet

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men cannot form under the name of 'happiness' any determinate and assured conception of the satisfaction of all inclinations as a sum. Hence it is not to be wondered at that a single inclination which is determinate as to what it promises and as to the time of its satisfaction may outweigh a wavering Idea; and that a man, for example, a sufferer from gout, may choose to enjoy what he fancies and put up with what he can—on the ground that on balance he has here at least not killed the enjoyment of the present moment because of some possibly groundless expectations of the good fortune supposed to attach to soundness of health. But in this case also, when the universal inclination towards happiness has failed to determine his will, when good health, at least for him, has not entered into his calculations as so necessary, what remains over, here as in other cases, is a law—the law of furthering his happiness, not from inclination, but from duty; and in this for the first time his conduct has a real moral worth.

It is doubtless in this sense that we should understand too the passages from Scripture in which we are commanded to love our neighbour and even our enemy. For love out of inclination cannot be commanded; but kindness done from duty—although no inclination impels us, and even although natural and unconquerable disinclination stands in our way—is practical, and not pathological, love, residing in the will and not in the propensions of feeling, in principles of action and not of melting compassion; and it is this practical love alone which can be an object of command. (From: Immanuel Kant, Groundwork of the Metaphysic of Morals, Translated by H.J. Paton, New York. Harper Torchbook, 1964) (斜體字為原作者所加)

二,哲學中文:

1,請說明僧肇如何在以下段落中論證「物不遷」。(25%)

夫人之所謂動者。以昔物不至今。故曰動而非靜。我之所謂靜者。亦以昔物不至今。故曰靜而非動。動而非靜。以其不來。靜而非動。以其不去。然則所造未嘗異。所見未嘗同。逆之所謂塞。順之所謂通。苟得其道。復何滯哉。傷夫人情之惑也久矣。目對真而莫覺。既知往物而不來。而謂今物而可往。往物既不來。今物何所往。何則。求向物於向。於向未甞[案:同嘗]無。責向物於今。於今未甞[案:同嘗]有。於今未嘗有。以明物不來。於向未甞[案:同嘗]無。故知物不去。覆而求今。今亦不往。是謂昔物自在昔。不從今以至昔。今物自在今。不從昔以至今。

(摘錄自:僧肇,《肇論》,〈物不遷論〉。註:此段落的標點符號未必正確,僅供參考。)

2,宋儒周敦頤著有《太極圖說》一文。針對此文,有兩位古代學者分別詮釋其中太極的動與靜。請你扣緊以下兩種詮釋的原文,討論詮釋 A 與詮釋 B 之間是否存在差異?如果有,則兩者間的主要差異為何?(註:此段落的標點符號未必正確,僅供參考。)(25%)

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無極而太極。太極動而生陽;動極而靜,靜而生陰。靜極復動。一動一靜,互為其根。分陰分陽,兩儀立焉。陽變陰合,而生水火木金土,五氣順布,四時行焉。五行一陰陽也,陰陽一太極也,太極本無極也。五行之生也,各一其性。無極之真,二五之精,妙合而凝。乾道成男,坤道成女。二氣交感,化生萬物,萬物生生而變化無窮焉。惟人也得其秀而最靈。形既生矣,神發知矣,五性感動而善惡分,萬事出矣。聖人定之以中正仁義,而主靜,立人極焉。故聖人與天地合其德,日月合其明,四時合其序,鬼神合其吉凶。君子修之吉,小人悖之凶。故曰:「立天之道,曰陰與陽。立地之道,曰柔與剛。立人之道,曰仁與義。」又曰:「原始反終,故知死生之說。」大哉易也,斯其至矣!

詮釋 A:

太極之有動靜,是天命之流行也,所謂「一陰一陽之謂道」。誠者,聖人之本,物之終始,而命之道也。其動也,誠之通也,繼之者善,萬物之所資以始也;其靜也,誠之復也,成之者性,萬物各正其性命也。動極而靜,靜極復動,一動一靜,互為其根,命之所以流行而不已也;動而生陽,靜而生陰,分陰分陽,兩儀立焉,分之所以一定而不移也。蓋太極者,本然之妙也;動靜者,所乘之機也。太極,形而上之道也;陰陽,形而下之器也。是以自其著者而觀之,則動靜不同時,陰陽不同位,而太極無不在焉。自其微者而觀之,則沖漠無朕,而動靜陰陽之理,已悉具於其中矣。雖然,推之於前,而不見其始之合;引之於後,而不見其終之離也。故程子曰:「動靜無端,陰陽無始。」非知道者,孰能識之。

詮釋 B:

有無混一者,可見謂之有,不可見遂謂之無,其實動靜有時,而陰陽常在,有無無異也。誤解太極圖說者,謂太極本未有陰陽,因動而始生陽,靜而始生陰,不知動靜所生之陰陽,為寒暑潤燥男女之情質,乃固有之蘊,其絪縕充滿在動靜之先,動靜者即此陰陽之動靜,動則陰變於陽,靜則陽凝于陰,一震巽坎離艮兌之生於乾坤也。非動而後有陽,靜而後有陰,本無二氣,由動靜而生,如老氏之說也。