

1A METAPHYSICS (1/4)

*Complete an essay on the following. The readings suggested do not exhaust the topic; you may, if you wish, go beyond the list provided. Your essay is due by **24 hours prior to the time of our supervision**. You may submit it by either (a) leaving a hard copy in my pigeonhole at Newnham College, or (b) sending an electronic copy by email. Please double-space your work in order to leave room for my comments. Essays should be approximately 2000 words in length.*

Q. "There is nothing more to causation than constant conjunction." Discuss.

Readings:

CRANE, Tim, 'Causation', in A.C. Grayling, ed., *Philosophy 1: A Guide through the Subject* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1998), pp. 184-94.

HUME, David, *Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*, sect. 7. Also available online at: <http://lib.myilibrary.com/?id=116084>.

ANSCOMBE, G.E.M., *Causality and Determination* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1971). Reprinted in P. van Inwagen and D. W. Zimmerman, eds., *Metaphysics: The Big Questions* (Oxford: Blackwell, 1998); also in E. Sosa and M. Tooley, eds., *Causation* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1993), pp. 88-104. **[NB:** This one's more challenging. Do your best, but don't worry if you have difficulty with it; we'll discuss it in supervision.]