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LANGARA COLLEGE

Philosophy 2203: Metaphysics

Quiz #8

TIME: 10 minutes

March 7, 2023

At the start of class, **one** of the following questions will be selected at random for students to answer. In preparation, please read text #16 on the '2203 Readings' page.

- 1. In arguing that free will doesn't require that one could have done otherwise, Dennett at one point appeals to a statement by Martin Luther. Summarise this argument.
- 2. Dennett states that: "If our responsibility really did hinge, as this major philosophical tradition insists, on the question of whether we ever could do otherwise than we in fact do in exactly those circumstances, we would be faced with a most peculiar problem of ignorance". Summarise the argument that Dennett makes here against the strict reading of 'could have done otherwise'.

3.	In his discussion of the Mark I Deterministic Deliberator, what does Dennett say that we really care about when we ask whether the machine could have done otherwise?		