

Modern students of the mind-body problem almost without exception understand it to be about _____ . I have never heard anyone in contemporary philosophical debates put the question from the alternative starting point, that is, how matter may be explained in terms of consciousness. Here is a typical example of the prevailing view: 'how much of mind is a physical entity'. It goes on: 'much of the function of the mind is built into the systems and organs of the body itself,' taking it as quite uncontentious that mind actually has a function in bodily terms like the spleen or a kneecap. The question for this view is *what* is the role of consciousness in a physical system, not *whether* consciousness is capable of any role at all. 'Our bodies possess minds,' someone with the view writes as though minds were things like cakes or handbags which could be owned, property to be bought or sold.

- ① the attempt to explain mental states in physical terms
- ② the focus on the solution of the conflict between mind and body
- ③ seeking what is wrong in the relationship between mind and body
- ④ proving the heavier weight relatively attached to mind than to body
- ⑤ what really the notion of consciousness is independent of any other things