PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS   Part II

Monday 23 May 2016   09.00 – 12.00

Paper 8

PHILOSOPHICAL LOGIC

Answer **three** *questions only.*

Write the number of the question at the beginning of each answer. If you are answering the either/or question, indicate the letter as well.

STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS
20 Page Answer book x 1
Rough Work Pad

You may not start to read the questions printed on the subsequent pages of this question paper until instructed that you may do so by the Invigilator

1. Can knowledge of meaning transcend the capacity to manifest that knowledge through use?

2. Why does the indeterminacy of translation matter?

3. What makes Kripke's 'sceptical solution' to the rule-following paradox sceptical? Is it a solution?

4. Is it a coincidence that both indicative and subjunctive conditionals typically use the word 'if'?

5. EITHER (a) Why are plural descriptions interesting?

   OR (b) What is higher-level plural logic?

6. EITHER (a) In what sense, if any, is logic a matter of convention?

   OR (b) 'No observation can refute any logical system.' Discuss.

7. Is arithmetic synthetic a priori?

8. Does it matter if an account of arithmetic fails the 'Julius Caesar test'?

9. Is there a defensible nominalist philosophy of mathematics?

10. Is there a workable epistemology of abstract mathematical objects?

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