

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II

Thursday 1 June 2017

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 an 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**

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1. EITHER: (a) Is the inscrutability of reference compatible with the truism that 'rabbit' denotes rabbits?

OR: (b) What is the semantic significance of confirmational holism?
2. Is there a communitarian solution to the rule-following paradox?
3. EITHER: (a) Are there any reasons, beyond pure desperation, for understanding indicative conditionals as material conditionals?

OR: (b) Is the truth of both its antecedent and consequent enough to make a subjunctive conditional true?
4. Could empirical evidence ever give us good reason to change our logic?
5. To what extent must the philosophy of mathematics respect mathematical practice?
6. 'There is no more to the natural numbers than the relations they bear to each other.' Discuss.
7. What does it mean to say that the concept of ordinal number is indefinitely extensible? Does it matter?
8. Is Hume's Principle a route to a priori knowledge of arithmetical truths?
9. EITHER: (a) Explain and illustrate the following ideas with reference to plural logic: term, predication, quantification, description, function.

OR: (b) Is set theory plural logic in disguise?
10. Is the dispute between realism and anti-realism about the correct account of meaning?

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