PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IB

MOCK PAPER

Paper 2

HISTORY OF ANALYTIC PHILOSOPHY

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 × 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. EITHER: (a) Do we need a force/content distinction?
   OR: (b) Do we need a content/tone distinction?

2. EITHER: (a) “Only in the context of a sentence do words mean anything.”
   (FREGE, Grundlagen). Discuss.
   OR: (b) Critically assess Frege's arguments against Mill's account of arithmetic.

3. Describe and assess Russell's objections to either (a) a coherence theory
   or (b) a pragmatist theory of truth.

4. Did Russell succeed in constructing the external world? If not, why not?

5. Explain and assess Wittgenstein's argument in the Tractatus that there are
   simple objects.

6. “There is no such thing as the subject that thinks and entertains ideas.”
   (WITTGENSTEIN, Tractatus). Discuss.

7. “There is no separate problem of truth, but merely a linguistic muddle.”
   (RAMSEY, "Facts and propositions") Discuss.

8. Compare and contrast Frege's and Russell's accounts of the semantics of
   singular terms.

9. Compare and contrast the views of any two of the following authors on

10. “The paradoxes fall into two categories, logical and semantic. Only the
    former need be solved by a theory of types.” Discuss.

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