PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS, PART IB

Wednesday 01 June 2022 11am-4pm

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.*

*For each question do not write more than **2000** words.*
1. EITHER: (a) ‘The horse Bucephalus is an object, while the concept horse is a concept’. Why did Frege disagree? Was he right?

   OR: (b) Can axioms succeed as implicit definitions?

2. EITHER: (a) Was Frege correct to ascribe cardinal numbers to concepts rather than to ‘external things’?

   OR: (b) Does it matter whether Julius Caesar is a natural number or not?

3. ‘It is clear, however, that “A believes that p”, “A has the thought p”, and “A says p” are of the form “p’ says p’.’ (TLP, 5.542) Discuss.

4. EITHER: (a) How realist is the Tractatus?

   OR: (b) ‘All propositions are of equal value.’ (TLP, 6.4) Discuss.

5. What are Russellian sense data? Can they be used as a basis for explaining our knowledge of the external world?

6. Why did Russell adopt the multiple relation theory of judgment? Was he right to do so?

7. Was Ramsey right to think there is ‘no separate problem of truth’?

8. Can Russell’s Gray’s Elegy argument be made to work against the Fregean notion of sense?

9. Compare the views on the particular/universal distinction of two or more of the authors set for this paper.

10. Compare the views on identity of two or more of the authors set for this paper.

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