PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS, PART IA (PHT0/3)

Thursday 09 June 2022

10am-3pm

Paper 3

MEANING

Answer three questions only.

Write the number of the question at the beginning of each answer.

For each question do not write more than 2000 words.

- 1. Do we ever refer to abstract objects? If so, how?
- 2. Can the causal theory of reference handle Frege's puzzle about Hesperus and Phosphorus?
- 3. 'There is life on other planets.' Of the many ways we might verify that sentence, which if any are relevant to its sense?
- 4. Does 'The capital of France' stand to the capital of France as 'London' stands to London?
- 5. Could utterances produced by a robot have meaning?
- 6. Must we choose between intentionalism and conventionalism about meaning?
- 7. What should a verificationist say about analyticity?
- 8. Can conventions cast light on necessity?
- 9. Do conditionals carry conversational or conventional implicatures?
- 10. Is there any role in natural language for the material conditional?

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