

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS, PART IB

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Friday 26 May 2023

09.00–12.00

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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 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. 'A distinction between subject and predicate does not occur in my way of representing a judgement.' (*Begriffsschrift*, §3) What did Frege mean by this and why did he think it important?
2. EITHER: (a) Evaluate Frege's semantics for indirect contexts.  
OR: (b) How and why did Frege fall into contradiction?
3. EITHER: (a) 'I believe that in spite of all its snowfields Mont Blanc itself is a component part of what is actually asserted in "Mont Blanc is more than 4,000 meters high".' (RUSSELL) Discuss.  
OR: (b) Did Russell succeed in showing that sense data are not mental?
4. Expound and assess the Gray's *Elegy* argument from 'On Denoting'.
5. 'The world is the totality of facts, not of things.' (*TLP*, 1.1) Is it?
6. EITHER: (a) What remains when the ladder is thrown away?  
OR: (b) Is ethics nonsense?
7. Did Ramsey succeed in showing that logic need not acknowledge a fundamental distinction between precisely two kinds of simple expression?
8. 'Russell's logicism was flawed because it depended on the axiom of reducibility, which is not a law of logic. Ramsey showed how to remedy this flaw.' Discuss.
9. 'The correct explanation of the form of the proposition, "A makes the judgment p", must show that it is impossible for a judgment to be a piece of nonsense. (Russell's theory does not satisfy this requirement.)' (*TLP*, 5.5422) Discuss.
10. Compare and contrast Frege's and Russell's accounts of empty singular terms such as 'Sherlock Holmes'.

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