PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS   Part II

Friday 1 June 2007   09.00 to 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

1   Is understanding a language a matter of grasping assertibility conditions?

2   **Either**   *(a)*   Is translational indeterminacy just a special case of the underdetermination of theory by data?

      Or   *(b)*   Is reference inscrutable?

3   **Either**   *(a)*   Is meaning normative?

      Or   *(b)*   Is following a rule just a matter of having the right dispositions?

4   **Either**   *(a)*   Do indicative conditionals have truth-values?

      Or   *(b)*   What is meant by saying that a conditional is variably strict? Are counterfactuals variably strict conditionals?

5   **Either**   *(a)*   '"Tom, Dick and Harry" denotes Tom, Dick and Harry.' Discuss.

      Or   *(b)*   'The idea that there is such a thing as a "plurality" is the misbegotten invention of a faulty logic.' Discuss.

6   **Either**   *(a)*   'Logical truths are analytically true.' Discuss.

      Or   *(b)*   Kant held that '7+5=12' is a synthetic a priori truth. Was he right?

7   'The number of Fs = the number of Gs if, and only if, the Fs and Gs are equinumerous.' Discuss.

8   'Russell's attempt to derive mathematics from logic failed because he had to assume the axiom of reducibility, which is not a logical truth.' Discuss.

9   Are numbers fictions?

10   Is the assertion sign essential to logic?

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