

**PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II**


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 Monday 29 May 2000

1.30 to 4.30

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 Paper 8
**PHILOSOPHY OF LOGIC AND LANGUAGE**

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.

- 1 'The idea that language use is governed by clear cut conventions is a philosopher's fantasy.' Discuss.
- 2 Do considerations of meaning give us any reason to reject classical logic?
- 3 Discuss the relationship between the meaning of the word 'water' and its extension.
- 4 Is there a rule-following problem?
- 5 Do conditionals have truth conditions?
- 6 **Either** (a) Is there a clear and principled distinction to be drawn between abstract and concrete objects?  
**Or** (b) 'Abstract objects are by their nature non-causal; hence they cannot affect the spatio-temporal world in which we live; hence we cannot come to know anything about them.' Discuss.
- 7 Is arithmetic synthetic?
- 8 Can there be a regressive justification for a logical law?
- 9 Is reference inscrutable?
- 10 **Either** (a) According to the *Tractatus*, a proposition is a truth-function of elementary propositions. Is this a tenable view?  
**Or** (b) How should the logician treat plural phenomena?

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