

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II

Friday 29 May 2015

13.30 – 16.30

Paper 8

PHILOSOPHICAL LOGIC

*Answer **three** questions only.*

Write the number of the question at the beginning of each answer. If you are answering the 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. What is the relationship between truth and justification? Discuss with reference to Dummett, or Putnam, or both.
2. Can the fiction of radical interpretation teach us anything interesting about real language?
3. Is a full-blooded theory of meaning either possible or necessary?
4. EITHER (a) In what sense, if any, does linguistic understanding guide linguistic use?

OR (b) Is there anything wrong with explaining rule-following in terms of dispositions?
5. What is the semantics of the counterfactual conditional?
6. Is the Julius Caesar problem a good reason to reject basing arithmetic on Hume's Principle?
7. 'In order to derive arithmetic from logic, Russell had to assume the axiom of reducibility, which is not a law of logic. So his logicist project was a failure.' Discuss.
8. 'Mathematics is a useful fiction.' Discuss.
9. Can we test the laws of logic empirically?
10. What are the limits of linguistic stipulation?

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