

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IB

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MOCK PAPER

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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 × 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. EITHER: (a) Do we need a force/content distinction?  
OR: (b) Do we need a content/tone distinction?
2. EITHER: (a) "Only in the context of a sentence do words mean anything."  
(FREGE, *Grundlagen*). Discuss.  
OR: (b) Critically assess Frege's arguments against Mill's account of arithmetic.
3. Describe and assess Russell's objections to either (a) a coherence theory or (b) a pragmatist theory of truth.
4. Did Russell succeed in constructing the external world? If not, why not?
5. Explain and assess Wittgenstein's argument in the *Tractatus* that there are simple objects.
6. "There is no such thing as the subject that thinks and entertains ideas."  
(WITTGENSTEIN, *Tractatus*). Discuss.
7. "There is no separate problem of truth, but merely a linguistic muddle."  
(RAMSEY, "Facts and propositions") Discuss.
8. Compare and contrast Frege's and Russell's accounts of the semantics of singular terms.
9. Compare and contrast the views of any two of the following authors on properties: Frege, Russell, Wittgenstein, Ramsey.
10. "The paradoxes fall into two categories, logical and semantic. Only the former need be solved by a theory of types." Discuss.

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