

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II

SPECIMEN PAPER 2003

Paper 8

PHILOSOPHICAL LOGIC

*Answer **three** questions only*

Write the number of the question at the beginning of each answer.

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question paper until instructed that you may
do so by the Invigilator**

1. What is the relationship between the meanings of the words we use and our intentions in using them?
2. Is Dummettian anti-realism just verificationism in disguise?
3. What is Quine's thesis of the indeterminacy of translation? Is it defensible?
4. Do Wittgenstein's remarks on rule-following justify skepticism about meaning?
5. Either (a) What is an indefinitely extensible concept? Is there any reason to think that the correct logic for reasoning about objects falling under such concepts is intuitionistic?
OR: (b) Are logical truths true by convention?
6. Do indicative conditionals lack truth-conditions?
7. Does structuralism provide a satisfactory account of what ' $7 + 5 = 12$ ' means?
8. 'It is of no greater significance that arithmetic can be derived in second order logic from Hume's principle than that it can be derived in that logic from Peano's axioms.'
Discuss.
9. Are there abstract objects? If there are, how can we know about them?
10. Is it a logical truth that there are infinitely many things?

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