Humanities Divisional Board

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Philosophy in all Honour Schools Including Philosophy

Brief note about nature of change: Restructuring of papers and paper content

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2017* http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2017-18/piahsinclphil/

Effective date

For students starting the Honour School of Philosophy and Modern Languages from MT 2017

For students starting the Honour Schools of Philosophy and Theology, or Philosophy, Politics and Economics from MT 2018

For students starting the Honour Schools of Literae Humaniores; Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics; or Experimental Psychology from TT 2018

For students starting in either part B or part C of the Honour Schools of Physics and Philosophy, or Mathematics and Philosophy, or Computer Science and Philosophy from MT 2019.

For first examination from 2019-20

Detail of change

1.25 108. *The Philosophy of Logic and Language*

1.26 The subject will include questions on such topics as: meaning, truth, logical form, necessity, existence, entailment, proper and general names, pronouns, definite descriptions, intensional contexts, adjectives and nominalization, adverbs, metaphor, ~~and~~ pragmatics and Frege's work on

the paradox of the 'concept "horse"' and on sense and reference. Some questions will be set which allow candidates to make use of knowledge of linguistics.

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117. *Frege, Russell, and Wittgenstein*

Works principally to be studied are:

Frege, *Foundations of Arithmetic*, trans. Austin; *Begriffsschrift* ch. 1, 'Function and Concept', 'Sense and Meaning', 'Concept and Object', and 'Frege on Russell's Paradox', in Geach and Black, eds. *Translations from the Philosophical Writings of Gottlob Frege*;

Russell, 'On Denoting', 'Mathematical Logic as Based on the theory of Types', and 'On the Nature of Acquaintance', in Marsh, ed., *Logic and Knowledge*; 'The Ultimate Constituents of Matter', 'The Relation of Sense-Data to Physics', and 'Knowledge by Acquaintance and Knowledge by Description', in *Mysticism and Logic; Our Knowledge of the External World*, chs. I-IV; **either** *Introduction to Mathematical Philosophy*, chs. 1-3 and 12-18, **or** 'The Philosophy of Logical Atomism', in Marsh, ed., *Logic and Knowledge*;

Wittgenstein, *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus*.

Candidates will be required to show adequate knowledge of at least two authors.

118. *The Later Philosophy of Wittgenstein*

Works principally to be studied are *Philosophical Investigations* and *The Blue and Brown Books*.

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122. *Philosophy of Mathematics*

Questions may be set which relate to the following issues: Incommensurables in the development of Greek geometry. Comparisons between geometry and other branches of mathematics. The significance of non-Euclidean geometry. The problem of mathematical rigour in the development of the calculus. The place of intuition in mathematics (Kant, Poincaré). The idea that mathematics needs foundations. The role of logic and set theory (Dedekind, Cantor, Frege, Russell). The claim that mathematics must be constructive (Brouwer). The finitary study of formal systems as a means of justifying infinitary mathematics (Hilbert). Limits to the formalization of mathematics (Gödel). Anti-foundational views of mathematics. Mathematical objects and structures. The nature of infinity. The applicability of mathematics. Russell's work on type theory and the vicious circle principle.

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[1.72]The availability of this paper may vary across the Philosophy joint schools, and candidates should consult regulations specific to their school to be sure of any conditions for taking the paper.**]**

129. *The Philosophy of Wittgenstein*

This paper will cover the philosophical work of Wittgenstein. The paper will be in two parts, part A and part B. Part A will cover the *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus*. Part B will principally cover *Philosophical Investigations, The Blue and Brown Books*, and *On Certainty.* Candidates must answer at least one question from part B. They may answer from part A, but are not required to do so.

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General Regulations

[1.101]The following restrictions on combinations apply to candidates whatever their honour school:

- [1.102](i) A candidate may not take both of subjects 106 and 124.

- [1.103](ii) A candidate may not take both of subjects 115 and 130.

- [1.104](iii) A candidate may not take both of subjects 116 and 132.

- ~~[1.105](iv) Both of subjects 117 and 118 may be offered *only* by candidates in *Mathematics and Philosophy* and *Computer Science and Philosophy .*~~

Explanatory Notes

The change (i) withdraws the papers *117 Frege, Russell, and Wittgenstein*, and *118 The Later Philosophy of Wittgenstein,* which will be last examined in Trinity Term 2019; (ii) transfers some material from the former, related to Frege and Russell, to other papers; (iii) creates a new paper from 117's Wittgenstein part, and paper 118, to be called *129 The Philosophy of Wittgenstein,* for first examination in Trinity Term 2020.