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SUMMER EXAMINATIONS 2003/4

PHILOSOPHY

SECOND ARTS EXAMINATION

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Time: Two (2) hours

PI206 Philosophy of Language

Answer two (2) of the following questions:

1. Write a critical essay on logical atomism, with special reference to either Frege or the early Wittgenstein.
2. Explain the Vienna Circle's contribution to the Philosophy of language. In your answer make special reference to their verifiability thesis.
3. In what sense are language games and forms of life integral to the later Wittgenstein's philosophy of language?
4. Write a critical essay on Quine's approach to the relationship between language and ontology.

Or

Critically discuss Quine's empiricism without the dogmas.