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SECOND ARTS EXAMINATIONS

PHILOSOPHY

Paper 1: Pi206/Pi205

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(Time allowed: Three hours)

Answer four questions, two from each section. Use separate answer-books for each section.

Section A: Pi206 Philosophy of Language Weighting 1

1. Discuss the later Wittgenstein's contribution to the philosophy of language, with special reference to the notion of a language-game.
2. Write an extended essay on the later Wittgenstein's 'Private language Argument'.
3. Compare and contrast Black's approach to metaphor with that of Davidson.

Section B: Pi205 Meta-ethics Weighting 1.

1. Write a short history of meta-ethics.
2. Are moral beliefs relative?
3. Write an essay on Islamic fundamentalism and the case for relativism.
4. Write an essay on single-state relativism.
5. Is it possible to argue with an absolutist?
6. Write an essay on moral truths and moral practices.
7. "There are no plain moral truths out there..." Is Rorty correct?

8. Write an essay on C. McMillan's critique of ethical rationalism.
9. How important is it to educate the emotions?
10. "There is a long tradition in philosophy and common culture that regards the emotions as thoroughly disreputable." (S. Blackburn) Which theory of the emotions do you support?
11. Does the amoralist not know, not feel, not care, not do, or what?
12. Write an essay on moral dilemmas.
13. Write an essay on the debate concerning morality and its rewards.
14. What is the object of morality?