

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON
MPHIL EXAMINATIONS
for internal students

THE PHILOSOPHY OF FREGE

10:00-13:00, Tuesday 14th May, 2002

Candidates should answer THREE of the following questions.

Please avoid overlap in your answers.

1. Why does Frege reject the definition of numerical identity in terms of one-to-one correspondence in *The Foundations of Arithmetic*? Is his reasoning sound? Was he right to do so?
2. Did Frege succeed in eliminating every alternative to the view that numbers are objects?
3. Frege acknowledges that the sense of a proper name varies from speaker to speaker. Discuss the consequences of this observation for Frege's philosophy.
4. Assess Frege's thesis that when words occur in indirect speech they do not have the same reference as when they occur in direct speech.
5. Assess Frege's case for a distinction between sense and reference.
6. Has a Fregean thought a unique structure?
7. Frege changed his mind on the question of whether a concept must determine a value for every argument. Discuss why he changed his mind and whether it was a change for the better.

8. Why does Frege maintain against Kant that analytic judgements can extend knowledge?

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9. Assess Frege's reasons for rejecting psychologism.
10. Why does Frege take the reference of a sentence to be a truth value? Is this consistent with his claim that it adds nothing to a thought to say that it is true?
11. How does Frege distinguish between the force of an utterance and its content? Discuss the importance of this distinction for Frege.
12. Does Frege's way of distinguishing concepts from objects lead to incoherence?
13. Assess Frege's response to the Kantian dictum that only through the medium of sensibility are objects given to us.

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