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MAIN EXAMINATION

SEPTEMBER –DECEMBER 2021

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

REGULAR PROGRAMME

B- PHL 405: PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE

Date: DECEMBER 2021

Duration: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any TWO Questions

Q1 a) Explain the main tenets of the Vienna Circle and name five members of the Vienna Circle. **(14 marks)**

b) Discuss the main differences between Wittgenstein's thought in the **Tractatus** and in the **Philosophical Investigations** **(16 marks)**

Q2. For Rudolf Carnap "The only proper task of philosophy is Logical Analysis". Evaluate this statement and explain its strengths/ weaknesses **(20 marks)**

Q3. Extrapolate G. Ryle's philosophical analysis of the mind-body problem in his work **Concept of Mind**. **(20 marks)**

Q4. Critically discuss the Logical Atomism of B. Russell and outline the philosophical ideas which characterized his thoughts. **(20 marks)**

Q5. The distinction between analytic and synthetic truths was challenged by Quine, who was himself sympathetic to the original ideal of the Vienna Circle. Discuss the philosophical position of Quine in the “Two Dogmas of Empiricism” (20 marks)

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