

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON
M PHIL EXAMINATIONS 2005
for internal students

QUINE

Candidates should answer **THREE** of the following questions. Please avoid overlap in your answers.

1. Critically discuss Quine's arguments for the indeterminacy of reference.
2. What is ontological relativity? Is it defensible?
3. Critically discuss Quine's assault on the analytic/synthetic distinction.
4. Critically discuss Quine's approach to ontological commitment.
5. Critically discuss Quine's approach to meaning holism and confirmation holism.
6. Expound and assess Quine's views of grades of modal involvement.
7. How successful is Quine's attempt to naturalize epistemology?
8. Is Quine's taste for desert landscapes philosophically compelling?
9. What, according to Quine, are the roots of reference? Is he right?
10. Critically assess Quine's views on the mind-body problem.
11. What problems do empirically equivalent systems pose for Quine's philosophical views? Did he solve these problems? If not, could he have solved them?

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