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**Mind, Matter and Language  
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**Degree Examination**

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*This paper will be marked anonymously*

Please answer **ONE** question from EACH of sections A, B and C.

## **SECTION A**

1. Are mental states type-identical with brain states?
2. What is the input-output problem? Does it have a solution?
3. Is commonsense psychology a false theory?

## **SECTION B**

1. What, if anything, does Mary learn when she leaves the black-and-white room and sees red for the first time?
2. Does the conceivability of zombies pose a threat for physicalism?
3. Does Fodor's asymmetric dependence theory solve the disjunction problem?

## **SECTION C**

1. Critically assess Frege's argument for a distinction between sense and reference.
2. What is Russell's analysis of definite descriptions? Does the fact that descriptions can be used referentially show that Russell's analysis is false?
3. Are names rigid designators?

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