



**SCHOOL OF PHILOSOPHY, PSYCHOLOGY AND LANGUAGE SCIENCES**

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**Degree Examination**

**Exam Date:** 21/08/2015 **From and To:** 9.30 – 11.30am

**Exam Diet:** August 2015

**Please read full instructions before commencing writing**

- Answer **THREE** questions. Choose one question from **Section A** and two questions from **Section B**.
- Answer each question in a different script book.

**Special instructions**

- None

**Special items**

- None

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**From the questions below, choose one question from Section A and two questions from Section B**

**Section A – Answer one question**

1. Explain what it means for a name to be rigid and directly referential.  
Discuss one or more argument(s) that support the claim that names have these properties.
2. What is the causal theory of reference? Discuss at least one of the problems for this theory.
3. Explain Wayne Davis's challenge to Grice's determinacy principle. Can Grice's theory meet this challenge?
4. Explain how Grice's theory might explain the implicature typically associated with an utterance of 'Boys will be boys'.

**Section B – Answer two questions**

5. Can mental states be adequately analysed in terms of behaviours and behavioural dispositions?
6. Discuss Churchland's alchemy objection to functionalism.
7. Does the hypothesis of extended cognition imply a revolution for cognitive science?
8. 'To be a "true believer" is to be a system explainable from the intentional stance.' Discuss.
9. What is Dennett's solution to the hard problem of consciousness?

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