ASSIGNMENT I

Comprehension Exercise

Due: Thursday 1st March, in class

Consider the paragraph in ‘On Sense and Reference’ which starts “It may be tempting to regard the relation of a proposition to the True not as that of sense to reference, but as that of subject to predicate” (p. 221 in Martinich)

1. In your own words, explain what Frege is saying here. Give what background is necessary to make sense of his concerns. You should devote around two pages to this task.

2. Say, very briefly, whether you think that Frege’s comments here are satisfactory. If you have a concrete objection, present it concisely. (If you have more than one, just give what you take to be the most decisive.) Don’t devote more than a page to this task.