

**PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II**

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Wednesday 31 May 2006

9 to 12

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Paper 9

WITTGENSTEIN

Answer **three** questions only.

*Write the number of the question at the beginning of each answer.*

*Candidates taking this paper may not answer questions on the Tractatus in Paper 1: Metaphysics.*

**STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS**

*20 Page Answer Book x 1*

*Rough Work Pad*

**You may not start to read the questions  
printed on the subsequent pages of this  
question paper until instructed that you  
may do so by the Invigilator**

- 1 Why does Wittgenstein in the *Tractatus* take it to be important that propositions are facts?
- 2 Discuss Wittgenstein's claim in the *Tractatus* that elementary propositions are logically independent.
- 3 'The I in solipsism shrinks to an extensionless point and there remains the reality co-ordinated with it.' (*TLP*, 5.64). Discuss.
- 4 How troubled should mathematicians be by contradiction?
- 5 To what extent is Wittgenstein's position in *Philosophical Investigations* a repudiation of the *Tractatus*? Illustrate your answer with the treatment of any philosophical topic.
- 6 Wittgenstein's rule-following considerations show that there are no facts about meaning. Discuss.
- 7 'An "inner process" stands in need of outward criteria.' Discuss.
- 8 Is Wittgenstein's analogy between languages and games helpful?
- 9 'I did not get my picture of the world by satisfying myself of its correctness; nor do I have it because I am satisfied of its correctness. No: it is the inherited background against which I distinguish between true and false.' Discuss.
- 10 'I know that this is a hand.' What does Wittgenstein suggest in *On Certainty* about the use of the word 'know' in Moorean claims of this kind? And is he right?

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