

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II

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9 to 12

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.

**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 Assuming that the facts in logical space are the world and that an atomic fact is a combination of objects (entities, things), does it necessarily follow that the object is simple?
- 2 What is the picture theory of meaning, and is it correct?
- 3 'It is clear that the logical product of two elementary propositions can neither be a tautology nor a contradiction. The assertion that a point in the visual field has two different colours at the same time, is a contradiction' (*Tractatus*). Discuss.
- 4 'What *can* be shown, *cannot* be said' (*Tractatus*). Discuss.
- 5 What is the use theory of meaning, and is it correct?
- 6 'Philosophy is a battle against the bewitchment of our intelligence by means of language' (*Philosophical Investigations*). Discuss.
- 7 What, for Wittgenstein, is a private language? Did he succeed in showing that there cannot be one?
- 8 How and why does Wittgenstein think 'visual organisation' differs from visual shape and colour?
- 9 'If the truth is what is grounded, then the ground is not *true*, nor yet false' (*On Certainty*). Why does Wittgenstein say this?
- 10 'A doubt without an end is not even a doubt' (*On Certainty*). Discuss.
- 11 In the *Remarks*, what does Wittgenstein try to tell us about mathematical proof?
- 12 'If you know a mathematical proposition, that's not to say you yet know *anything*' (*Remarks*). Discuss.

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