

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II

Thursday 29th May 2014

09.00 – 12.00

Paper 9

WITTGENSTEIN

*Answer **three** questions only.*

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

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. 'The world is the totality of facts, not of things.' (TLP 1.1) Why does Wittgenstein make this claim?
2. Explain and assess Wittgenstein's conception of logic as empty.
3. 'All propositions are of equal value.' (TLP 6.4). Really?
4. 'The world is my world.' (TLP 5.62). Discuss.
5. ' "[Y]ou let yourself off the very part of the investigation that once gave you the most headache, the part about the *general form of the proposition* and of language".' (*Philosophical Investigations*, §65). Is this a fair charge?
6. Did the later Wittgenstein offer any good reasons for abandoning the *Tractatus* doctrine of simple objects?
7. If the meaning of a word is its use in the language, how can there be such a thing as grasping the meaning in a flash?
8. Are there any of my mental states that I could not record in a diary?
9. 'What gives us *so much as the idea* that beings, things, can feel?' (*Philosophical Investigations*, §283). Discuss.
10. Does *On Certainty* improve on Moore's reply to the sceptic?
11. 'I have arrived at the rock bottom of my convictions. And one might almost say that these foundation-walls are carried by the whole house.' (*On Certainty*, §248). Discuss.

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