Paper 9

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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
1 'Logical pictures can depict the world' (Tractatus 2.19). Discuss.

2 In what sense, if any, was the author of the Tractatus a solipsist?

3 'The world of the happy is quite another than that of the unhappy' (Tractatus 6.43). Discuss.

4 Wittgenstein wanted the Philosophical Investigations to be published together with the Tractatus in one volume. How does reading the earlier work help us to understand the later one?

5 Is it misleading to think that Wittgenstein held a 'use theory of meaning'?

6 'Commanding, questioning, recounting, chatting, are as much part of our natural history as walking, eating, drinking, playing' (Philosophical Investigations 25). Discuss.

7 Explain and evaluate Wittgenstein's considerations concerning the possibility of a Private Language.

8 'It can be seen that there is a misunderstanding here from the mere fact that in the course of our argument we give one interpretation after another; as if each one contented us at least for a moment, until we thought of yet another standing behind it' (Philosophical Investigations 201). Discuss.

9 'It belongs to the logic of our scientific investigations that certain things are in deed not doubted' (On Certainty 342). Discuss.

10 'Does a child believe that milk exists? Or does it know that milk exists? Are we to say that knowledge that there are physical objects comes very early or very late?' (On Certainty 478–9). What answers to these questions does Wittgenstein suggest? Is he right?