PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS     Part II

Monday  31  May  2010                09.00  to  12.00

Paper 9

WITTGENSTEIN

Answer three questions only.

Write the number of the question at the beginning of each answer. If you are answering an either/or question, indicate the letter as well.

Candidates taking this paper may not answer asterisked questions in Paper 1: Metaphysics or in Paper 2: Philosophy of mind.

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. Either (a) Did the analogy between propositions and pictures help or mislead Wittgenstein?
   Or (b) 'My fundamental thought is that the "logical constants" do not represent.' (Tractatus 4.0312) Discuss.

2. Explain and assess Wittgenstein's account of belief in the Tractatus.

3. Either (a) 'The world is independent of my will.' (Tractatus 6.373) Discuss.
   Or (b) 'God does not reveal himself in the world.' (Tractatus 6.432) Discuss.

4. Why did Wittgenstein abandon logical atomism? Was he right?

5. If the private language argument is correct, what follows?

6. Does Wittgenstein give a satisfactory account of aspect-perception?

7. 'Wittgenstein's analogy between languages and games is more misleading than helpful.' Discuss.

8. What contribution, if any, does On Certainty make to the refutation of scepticism?

9. 'Are we to say that knowledge that there are physical objects comes very early or very late?' (On Certainty 479). Discuss.

10. Is Wittgenstein's conception of the self in the Philosophical Investigations different from his conception in the Tractatus? If so, how?

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