

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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