

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II

Tuesday 28th May 2013

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. EITHER: a) Is it helpful or misleading to draw an analogy between a proposition and the use of toy cars in a Paris law court to show how a traffic accident happened?

OR: b) Discuss Wittgenstein's account in the *Tractatus* of 'A believes that p.'
2. Explain and assess Wittgenstein's claim in the *Tractatus* that one cannot say how many objects there are.
3. 'The world of the happy is quite another than that of the unhappy.' (*Tractatus*, 6.43). Discuss.
4. Was Wittgenstein right to find something wrong with the claim 'I know that this is a hand'?
5. 'Wittgenstein's response to sceptics is to show them that their doubt is misconceived.' Discuss.
6. Could there be reddish-green? Answer with reference to one or more of Wittgenstein's works.
7. Does inner ostensive definition raise any problems that do not arise for outer ostensive definition?
8. What should we learn from Wittgenstein's discussion of 'reading' in the *Investigations* §§156-78?
9. Describe and assess two of Wittgenstein's criticisms of the Augustinian picture of language.
10. 'Your idea was ... that in meaning [the command to add 2] your mind, as it were, flew ahead and took all the steps before you physically arrived at this or that one.' (WITTGENSTEIN) In what sense is your idea right? In what sense is it wrong?
11. Explain and assess some of Wittgenstein's later criticisms of the *Tractatus*.

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