

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II

SPECIMEN PAPER 2004

Paper 9
WITTGENSTEIN

Answer three questions out of at least 10 set.

Candidates taking this paper are barred from answering questions on the *Tractatus* in the Metaphysics paper.

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

**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.' Discuss
2. What are the objects of the *Tractatus*?
3. What does 'I' refer to?
4. If we can follow rules, why cannot the private linguist?
5. 'To say that a proposition is whatever can be true or false amounts to saying: we call something a proposition when *in our language* we apply the calculus of truth functions to it.' Discuss
6. 'Is it superstition to think I *see* the horse galloping in the picture? – And does my visual impression gallop too?' Is it and does it?
7. 'If you know a mathematical proposition, that's not to say you yet know anything'. Why not? **OR**
Are mathematical statements expressions of conventions?
8. Why must a mathematical proof be perspicuous?
9. "It is not a kind of seeing on our part; it is our *acting* which lies at the bottom of the language game". Why is this important to Wittgenstein?
10. Why did Wittgenstein want to deny that Moore *knows* what he says he does?

Please note:

The Specimen paper shows that there will be at least two questions on each of the set texts. The paper may also include comparative questions.