

**PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II**

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Thursday 28 May 2009

09.00 to 12.00

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Paper 9

WITTGENSTEIN

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***

**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 What problem is the picture theory supposed to solve? Does it?
- 2 Why did Wittgenstein insist in the *Tractatus* that the only necessity is logical necessity?
- 3 'What the solipsist *means* is quite correct; only it cannot be *said*, but makes itself manifest' (TLP 5.62). Discuss.
- 4 Was Wittgenstein a transcendental idealist?
- 5 Why did Wittgenstein abandon logical atomism?
- 6 'Where our language suggests a body and there is none: there, we should like to say, is a spirit' (PI 36). Discuss.
- 7 In what sense is it true, and in what sense is it misleading, to say that the future action of a machine is there in it from the start?
- 8 Do public languages face the difficulties that Wittgenstein raised for private ones?
- 9 'You said "It'll stop soon". Were you thinking of the noise or of your pain?' (PI 682). *Must* there be a correct answer to this question?
- 10 Does Wittgenstein answer the sceptic?
- 11 How and why did Wittgenstein's views on the nature of philosophy change over his career?

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