

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II

Tuesday 31 May 2011

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.

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 'In the picture and the pictured there must be something identical in order that the one can be a picture of the other at all.' (TLP 2.161) Discuss.
- 2 **Either** (a) Why did Wittgenstein maintain in the *Tractatus* that there is no such relation as identity? Was he right?
Or (b) What is the 'argument for substance' in the *Tractatus*? Is it correct?
- 3 If the world is independent of my will, how is ethics so much as possible?
- 4 Discuss the difficulties involved in throwing away the ladder after we have climbed up it.
- 5 Which doctrines of the *Tractatus* did Wittgenstein retain in his later work and with what effect?
- 6 'Augustine describes the learning of human language as if the child came into a strange country and did not understand the language of the country; that is, as if it already had a language, only not this one.' (PI §32) Discuss.
- 7 Does Wittgenstein offer a plausible response to the rule-following problem?
- 8 **Either** (a) What connection, if any, does Wittgenstein allow there to be between my inner mental life and the shared meanings of words?
Or (b) 'Wittgenstein was really a behaviourist in disguise.' Discuss.
- 9 'It is always by favour of Nature that one knows something.' (OC §505) Discuss.
- 10 'The *questions* we raise and our *doubts* depend on the fact that some propositions are exempt from doubt, are as it were like hinges on which those turn.' (OC §341) Discuss.

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