

**PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II**

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Wednesday 30 May 2012

13.30 to 16.30

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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 Why does Wittgenstein suppose that the world is the totality of facts, not of things? Is he right?
- 2 Is Wittgenstein's account of reference Fregean or Russellian?
- 3 'God does not reveal himself *in* the world.' (*Tractatus*, 6.432) Discuss.
- 4 'Wittgenstein believed that the *Tractatus* was important nonsense.' Discuss.
- 5 How effective are Wittgenstein's later criticisms of the *Tractatus* doctrine of simple objects?
- 6 Does the *Philosophical Investigations* achieve what Wittgenstein describes in that book as the aim of philosophy?
- 7 'This was our paradox: no course of action could be determined by a rule, because any course of action can be made out to accord with the rule.' (*Philosophical Investigations*, 201) Discuss.
- 8 What, according to Wittgenstein, is wrong with 'understanding somebody else's pain on the model of my own'? Are his criticisms of the idea effective?
- 9 Was Wittgenstein ever a contextualist about meaning?
- 10 Explain and assess the significance of colour concepts for Wittgenstein. You may focus on **one or more** works.
- 11 'I am certain that p', 'I know that p'. Does Wittgenstein have anything significant to suggest about the similarities and differences between these two sentences?
- 12 'I want to say: propositions of the form of empirical propositions, and not only propositions of logic, form the foundation of all operating with thoughts (with language).' (*On Certainty*, 401) Discuss.

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