

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II

Tuesday 28 May 2019

09.00 – 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 × 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. 'Now I would like to regard this certainty, not as something akin to hastiness or superficiality, but as a form of life.... But that just means that I want to conceive it as something that lies beyond being justified or unjustified; as it were, as something animal.' (*On Certainty*) Discuss.
2. 'It's not a matter of Moore's knowing that there's a hand there, but rather we should not understand him if he were to say "Of course I may be wrong about this.'" (*On Certainty*) Discuss.
3. 'The world is the totality of facts, not of things.' (*Tractatus*). Discuss.
4. Explain and assess Wittgenstein's treatment of identity in the *Tractatus*.
5. What kind of solipsism, if any, did Wittgenstein endorse in the *Tractatus*?
6. 'The later Wittgenstein rejected the picture theory.' Discuss.
7. What were Wittgenstein's reasons for abandoning logical atomism? Are they compelling?
8. Is it plausible that the meaning of every word is its use in language?
9. What is Wittgenstein's solution to the rule-following paradox? Is it correct?
10. Can ostensive definition ever work?

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