

**PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II**

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Monday 23 May 2016

13.30 – 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. Explain and assess Wittgenstein's claim that a proposition is a *logical picture*.
2. Does the *Tractatus* contain an adequate account of generality?
3. What kind of solipsism (if any) does the *Tractatus* endorse?
4. Is there any significant difference between semantic and ethical nonsense? Does it matter?
5. Does the *Tractatus* prove, or the *Investigations* disprove, the claim that there are simple objects?
6. 'It is interesting to compare the diversity of the tools of language... with what logicians have said about the structure of language. (This includes the author of the *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus*).' (*PI* §23) Discuss.
7. Does *Philosophical Investigations* improve upon the conception of philosophical activity that we find at the end of the *Tractatus*?
8. 'How can a rule teach me what I have to do at *this point*' (*PI* §198). How can it?
9. Explain Wittgenstein's distinction between criteria and symptoms. Why is it important?
10. 'If you tried to doubt everything you would not get as far as doubting anything. The game of doubting itself presupposes certainty.' (*On Certainty*, §115) Discuss.
11. How can a hinge proposition be contingent?

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