

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

MA PHILOSOPHY OLD REGULATIONS for Internal Students

WITTGENSTEIN

Answer THREE questions.

1. 'The world is the totality of facts, not of things.' Discuss.
2. Explain and assess Wittgenstein's view on solipsism in the Tractatus.
3. Explain and critically examine Wittgenstein's view (in the Tractatus) that language represents facts by picturing them.
4. Explain and discuss what Wittgenstein means by his claim that the most important part of the Tractatus has been left out.
5. What does Wittgenstein object to in the 'Augustinian' conception of naming at the beginning of the Philosophical Investigations? Evaluate his argument.
6. Examine and evaluate Wittgenstein's notion of a 'language game.'
7. Critically discuss what Wittgenstein means by a 'criterion' in the Philosophical Investigations.
8. Is the later Wittgenstein really a behaviourist in disguise?
9. What does Wittgenstein think is involved in following a rule? Is he right?
10. Examine the later Wittgenstein's case for denying that one might have an essentially private language.
11. To what degree is the later Wittgenstein right in claiming that philosophical problems arise from our failure to grasp how language works?
12. In what sense, if any, is the later Wittgenstein a relativist? Give reasons for your answer.

13. Explain and discuss Wittgenstein's response to scepticism in *On Certainty*.
14. Does Wittgenstein, in his later philosophy, offer a theory of necessary truth?

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