

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IB

Thursday 02 June 2011

09.00 to 12.00

Paper 3

ETHICS

*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 **Either** (a) Is there an ethically significant distinction between attributive and substantive responsibility?
Or (b) 'An action is voluntary only if there exists at least one acceptable alternative.' Discuss.
- 2 Is the possibility of moral reform necessary for moral responsibility?
- 3 Can the ethical distinction between actions and omissions be explained in terms of a distinction between positive and negative duties?
- 4 Can an otherwise permissible action be made impermissible by the agent's intention?
- 5 Do agents necessarily have reasons to do what they morally ought to do?
- 6 **Either** (a) How wrong can I be about what I have reasons to do?
Or (b) Does Hume have a convincing account of the role of reason in practical deliberation?
- 7 **Either** (a) 'Impartial moral theories are overly demanding.' Discuss.
Or (b) Are moral claims universalizable? If so, so what?
- 8 Are moral principles necessary for morality?
- 9 Does moral relativism justify a tolerant attitude towards other cultures?
- 10 **Either** (a) Does respect for autonomy entail a right to euthanasia?
Or (b) Can there be a duty to commit suicide?

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